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1.6K denied entry to NMI

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U.S Customs and Border Protection has refused entry to more than 1,600 persons that they suspect would come to the CNMI for unlawful purposes.

According to CBP field operations director Brian J. Humphrey, they have upgraded their screening process in determining persons or individuals whom they think would be a risk to the CNMI. Humphrey, who attended Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' sec-

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Tinian-based firm secures EB-5 designation

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A Tinian-based company has secured EB-5 designation from a federal agency. Tinian's Alter City Group's

application for a Regional Center Designation Under the Immigrant Investor Program has been approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday that the designa-

tion is significant since it now includes the ACG under the program, which is a way for a business project to raise capital. An EB-5 regional center, or companies that have been

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Sablan is NMI govt's 2018 Employee of the Year

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John Henry M. Sablan was named the CNMI government's 2018 Employee of the Year during the pre-Labor Day picnic held at the Garapan Fishing Base last Saturday.

Sablan, a member of the Division of Customs under the Department of Finance, is a Customs lieutenant and supervises the Special Forces branch, including the K-9 unit and investigations. He has been in the department for 14 years.

"I feel very proud and honored to receive this award. I congratulate

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Lt. John Henry M. Sablan, second from left, poses with Finance Secretary Larissa Larson, left, Customs director Joe Mafnas, second right, and Capt. J.J. Atalig, manager of enforcement and K-9.

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HOPE recovery center helps 70 in first year

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About 70 persons struggling

with substance abuse have already been helped since the creation of the Hinemlu O'hala Para Enteramenti Re-

covery Center, or the HOPE Recovery Center, in Marpi.

This came to light yesterday when Gov. Ralph DLG

Torres proclaimed September as CNMI Recovery Month, to emphasize the thrust of the HOPE Recovery Center.

Esther Milne, program director for substance abuse ad-

diction and rehabilitation program under the Office of the Governor, said that some of their 70 clients at the HOPE recovery center were self-referrals.

"When people come in here, there are self-referrals or they come through a referring agency such as drug court, adult probation, or even the

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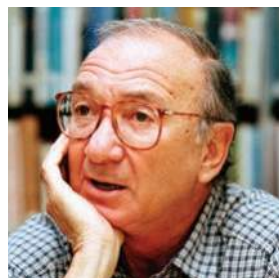
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Local

New water tank in As Terlaje unveiled

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. unveiled yesterday a new 1-million gallon water tank at the Northern Marianas College that is designed to withstand 210 miles per hour winds and earthquake risk category 4.

The new tank is also being touted as paving the way for 24-hour water supply throughout Saipan.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David Carter and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres led the ribbon cutting for the new tank in As Terlaje.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funded the tank project for \$6,151,435, while CUC provided \$680,000. The total construction cost is \$4,940,237, according to CUC project manager Larry Manacop.

"This water tank project has been going on as a continuing project. So this is a one-million-gallon water tank that will serve the community," Carter said. "I was very concerned



U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David O. Carter, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog lead yesterday's ribbon cutting for the newly completed As Terlaje water tank. The replacement tank, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is designed to withstand 210 miles per hour winds and earthquake risk category 4.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

before that a lot of our community had eight hours, six hours, four hours [of water supply]," said Carter, adding that between his last visit last February and now, the water supply problem has been a priority.

Carter said the tank is capable of pumping water to other areas besides the surrounding areas.

"So we are on the road to success," the judge said, citing the work done by the CNMI and U.S. governments, EPA, Department of Justice, and CUC.

"We want water out there 24 hours a day," he said.

Right now, Carter said, about 93 or 94 percent of the island is receiving 24-hour water supply, so there is 6 percent more to accomplish.

Torres said he told Gary P. Camacho before when he was nominated to serve as CUC's executive director to do his best in addressing the stipulated orders and make sure that CUC's work is good.

"We still have a long way to

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Taisague, NMI govt fail to reach settlement

Jesus I. Taisague and the CNMI government have failed to reach a settlement deal in Taisague's lawsuit that questioned the constitutionality of the settlement agreement in Betty Johnson's class action against the Retirement Fund and others.

U.S. District Court for the

NMI designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood disclosed yesterday that the parties in Taisague's lawsuit had as settlement conference with a magistrate judge last Aug. 8, but did not reach a settlement agreement.

With this development, Tydingco-Gatewood ordered that

the parties file a joint status report by Sept. 7, 2018.

U.S. District Court of Guam Magistrate Judge Joaquin V. E. Manibusan Jr. was designated to act as a settlement judge in Taisague's lawsuit.

Tydingco-Gatewood handled Johnson's lawsuit after U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona recused herself from the case. The class action resulted in a settlement.

Manglona and Tydingco-Gatewood concurred that a magistrate from the District of Guam shall be assigned for the

duration of Taisague's lawsuit, and for any additional time required to complete any related business, and to perform certain settlement duties in the case.

Manglona and Tydingco-Gatewood have determined that recusal of all local federal judges from Taisague's case has created an "emergency," requiring the temporary assignment of a magistrate judge from the District of Guam to the District Court for the NMI.

Taisague filed the lawsuit in 2013 against then-governor Eloy S. Inos, the CNMI government, Department of

Finance, and the Retirement Fund for entering into a settlement agreement with Johnson that, according to him, is unconstitutional and illegal.

Taisague filed the case through counsel Ramon Quichocho, who is now disbarred.

In December 2013, Tydingco-Gatewood denied Taisague's motion that seeks an order enjoining Inos and the CNMI government from withholding or failing to pay 100 percent of his pension benefits.

Taisague was among the 16 persons who opted out of

the Johnson settlement agreement. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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go but everything that we are doing is a working progress. This administration makes sure that we continue to progress and make sure we address our issues," he said.

Torres said seeing today's completion of the water tank project is only a step; the next project is the creation of nine wells.

In his closing remarks, Camacho expressed appreciation to Torres, Carter, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, lawmakers, and all others involved in the project.

Camacho also expressed his appreciation to DOJ and EPA for funding the project.

"This tank will provide the community with the most dependable water storage for generations to come," he said.

Camacho emphasized that the tank is designed to withstand 210 miles per hour winds and earthquake risk category 4. "That's huge!" he said.

Camacho said one of the benefits of this water tank project is an energy savings. He said it has a low maintenance cost.

"This is a water program but it is dependent on power. So it is imperative that we not only deal with the efficiencies of the water program but the efficiencies of operations to impact our power production," Camacho said.

The As Terlaje water tank will supply water in the lower areas of As Terlaje, Chalan Laulau, portions of Chalan Pale Arnold Road or Middle Road, and Beach Road all the way to south Garapan (Kopa Di Oru Street).

The As Terlaje Water Tank will also be the source of water for the Kannat Tabla Tank via the new booster pump system.

The Kannat Tabla tank then supplies water in Kannat Tabla village, El Toro, Fina Sisú, and areas along As Lito and As Perdido.

According to CUC project manager Larry Manacop, the As Terlaje water tank, along with other Capital Improvement Projects in the Kobler-ville/Isley areas and CUC's leak detection and repair program, are big reasons CUC is able to provide 24-hour water service throughout Saipan.

Manacop said the tank is built using specialized meth-

ods and quality control, resulting in a high-quality tank that will last generations.

"This tank will provide the communities with the most dependable water storage for generations to come," Manacop said.

Manacop said one of the benefits of the tank is that a new bypass line was installed at Isley Booster-1 that allow wells to pump directly to the water tank.

"This allowed CUC to abandon the existing booster pump, thereby reducing the energy needed to convey water to the new tank," Manacop said.

He said another benefit is having the new tank within the same overflow elevation as the Isley tanks and Puerto Rico; this will allow the new system to cover a bigger area.

Manacop said the installation of new flow meters at the inlet and outlets of the tank allows CUC engineering/operations to read actual demand/usage.

"This also allows CUC engineering to monitor flow and troubleshoot areas for possible leaks or water thefts," he said.

Manacop said with the new flow meters, CUC engineering and operations were able to locate major leaks along Walumho Street.

He said with the findings and repair of the leaks, CUC was able to push water north and helped Garapan area get 24-hour water service.

A generator set is included as a backup during power outage.

An assessment of the old NMC steel welded tank's structural condition was performed on July 30, 2007. Based on the report, the existing tank was determined to be structurally unsound and was taken out of service.

Manacop said the tank was removed and replaced with a new pre-stressed concrete tank that has the same overflow elevation as that of the Isley tanks (196 feet).

The existing ground contour is approximately 145 feet so therefore, a 51' tank was recommended.

AIC Marianas Inc. is the contractor of the As Terlaje water tank. Ding Lacap and Boyet Cruz are the project manager and project engineer, respectively. DN Tank is the tank manufacturer.

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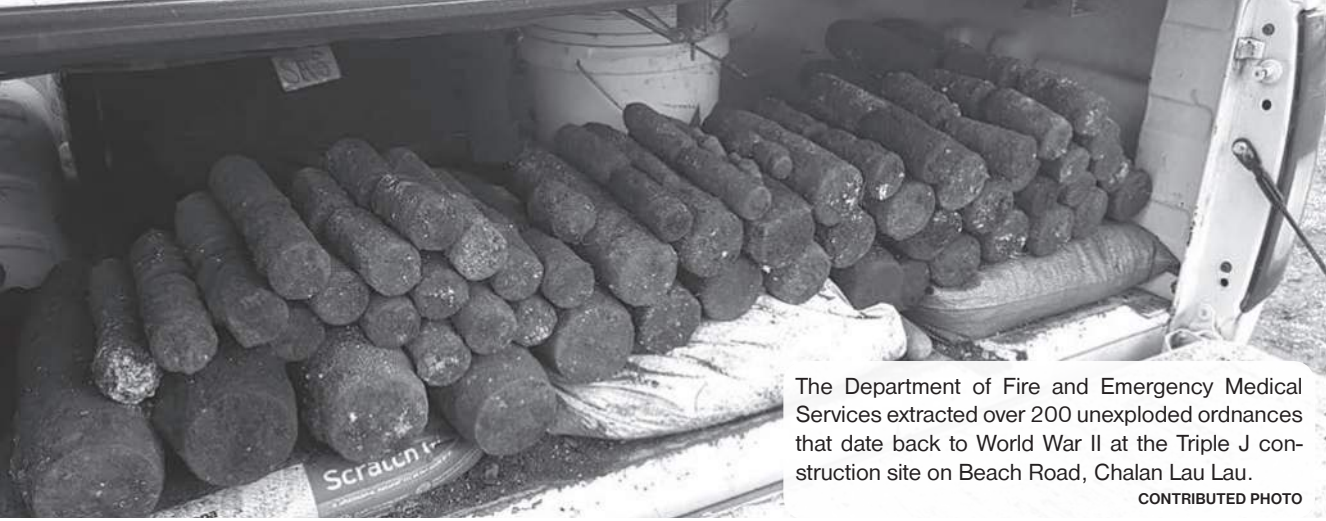
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WWII ordnance site found in Chalan Lau Lau



The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services extracted over 200 unexploded ordnances that date back to World War II at the Triple J construction site on Beach Road, Chalan Lau Lau.

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approved to participate in the Immigrant Investor Program by USCIS, is currently the only visa program designed to allow foreign investors to gain permanent residence, or a green card, in the U.S. through a minimum investment of \$1 million or \$500,000 if the investment is in a rural or targeted high unemployment area where unemployment is 150 percent of the national average, according to the American Im-

migration Council website. A minimum of 10 jobs must also be created in order to qualify for a green card.

Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas and Rep. Edwin Aldan (R-Tinian) have both expressed their gratitude to Alter City Group in a statement from the Tinian Mayor's Office.

"We understand the challenges and difficulties of investing in a remote area like Tinian. Despite the challenges, [Alter City Group] has not given up on Tinian and the Tinian leadership welcomes any

investment that will provide job opportunities in the private sector, sustainable economic growth and development on Tinian," said San Nicolas.

"Given our challenges, it behooves us a leadership to find ways to work with those who have expressed interest in investing on Tinian and give our full support to assist them in their endeavors. I've reached out to members of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission to work with ACG, within the confines of what is permissible under the law and their regulations to be invest-

ment friendly," he added.

"Stuff like this is good for our economy," Aldan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, welcoming the news as well as thanking Alter City Group.

According to Aldan, ACG reportedly noted that they have investors willing to go through the program to invest on Tinian.

"We congratulate and welcome ACG's continued interest to invest on Tinian and express our continued support for their plans to build an integrated resort on Tinian," said San Nicolas.

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ond State of the Commonwealth Address last Friday, told *Saipan Tribune* that issues on birth tourism and construction workers that entered the CNMI as tourists using the parole authority program were some of the reasons for CBP's tighter screening measures.

"We've enacted a number of measures to protect the community from those that wish to come here for unlawful purposes. We're doing our part," said Humphrey.

"We've learned to become pretty good at determining suspicious factors that we need to look at when there's concern, if someone who'll come here would become a public charge."

He added that they are collaborating with other law enforcement agencies. "We've implemented a number of measures and we're working closely with our partners such as the [Federal Bureau of Investigation]. We had a number of successes in intercepting individuals and sending them back home."

"Last year, when I visited

[Saipan] in February, from fiscal year [2017] to date, we had more than 1,600 persons that were expeditiously moved.

"So, we've gotten a whole lot better at intercepting individuals coming here for unlawful purposes," he said.

Humphrey said the number of interceptions they made just show that their efforts are bearing fruit.

"Our numbers speak well of that worth. We're fighting as many as we can and sending them home so that they don't pose a threat and they don't add to the public costs. We're going to continue to do our part,

working with our partners."

Birth tourism in the CNMI and last year's issue where construction workers entered the Commonwealth as tourists using a parole authority program became flashpoints and resulted in many overstaying tourists being kicked out of the Commonwealth.

CBP said last year that majority of the 1,032 that entered the CNMI as tourists overstayed on Saipan and worked illegally in several companies that somehow abused the parole authority and that could pose problems to legal visitors.

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late all the other nominees for a job well done and it's nice to be appreciated...not only me, but including my team. If not for them I don't think I would be receiving this award," he said.

Sablan looks forward to continue delivering the good services and giving his all at Customs.

"...The work that we have done under Gov. Ralph DLG Torres were due to [his initiatives]. In the drug enforcement task force, we have made a lot of strives to fight this war. I am very proud of the work that we do and we would continue to fight that war," he said.

Finance Secretary Larissa Larson noted that Sablan plays an active role in the activation of the K-9 units and the interception of drugs in the NMI.

"...[Sablan] has also taken a really strong leadership role among the staff and he is really motivating them to stay at the top of their game and really perform. You can see it with interceptions and announcements of finding drugs within the Commonwealth," she told *Saipan Tribune*, emphasizing that Sablan's work is highly dependent on the division working as a team.

"This is a really solid team here [under Sablan] and he is a major part of that," she noted. "Everybody has a specific role to do and they all do what they are supposed to do, and I am really proud of all of them."

Sablan's other boss, Division of Customs director Joe Mafnas, noted that Sablan may be a tad silent but he gets the job done.

"He is a man of few words... He is a doer," Mafnas said, describing his work relationship

with Sablan. "You hardly hear him speak, but he does great things for the division," adding that Sablan, who was also an instructor at the K-9 unit, is also very passionate.

"I am very happy, and he deserves it," Mafnas said. Mafnas has been working with Sablan since 2013.

Sablan, who is the son of House vice speaker Rep. Janet V. Maratita (R-Saipan), bested 22 employees under a total of 23 agencies: the Department of Commerce's Jesse C. Chong, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Frances Mildred Cruz, Department of Corrections' Timothy C. Deleon Guerrero, the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services' Albert Aldan, Department of Labor's Norlane Arlene V. Rafanan, Department of Lands and Natural Resources' Frances G. Sablan, Department of Public Lands'

Shane A. Lizama, Department of Public Safety's Esther Delos Reyes, Department of Public Works' Tina Marie Aguon, Office of the Governor's Amy B. Shai, Office of Management and Budget's Jasmine Lizama, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Anne Marie Navarrete, Office of the Attorney General's Carla Torres, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Vincent Donald P. Sablan, Office of Personnel Management's Tina S. Mesngon, Commonwealth Development Authority's Esperanza Borja, Marianas Visitors Authority's David Atalig, Northern Marianas Housing Corp.'s Jacob Muna, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Isabel K. Davis, Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Jeffrey Reyes, Saipan Office of the Mayor's Franky Hocog, and Commonwealth Casino Commission's Ruth Anne P. Sakisat.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services removed over 200 pieces of World War II ordnances from a construction site in Chalan Lau Lau.

Explosives that date back to World War II still litter the CNMI today but in the past few days alone, DFEMS has uncovered a several unexploded ordnance sites by Beach Road.

Since Thursday, Aug. 23, up until Sunday, Aug. 26, DFEMS, in conjunction with the Chemi-

cal, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Defense, recovered unexploded ordnances from Triple J Motors' construction site by Beach Road, Chalan LauLau.

According to a report from DFEMS, they were able to extract a total of 275 WWII unexploded ordnance from the construction site and have since transported them to the bomb pit in Marpi as of 6pm Sunday evening. (Kimberly A. Bautista)

Torres' statement on McCain's passing

"Over the weekend, we lost a great American. Sen. John Sidney McCain of Arizona passed away at home at the age of 81 after a yearlong battle with cancer.

A decorated Navy man who served our nation in Vietnam, McCain began his political career in Washington with a term in the House of Representatives followed by election to the Senate in 1986, and for six terms established a reputation to standing for what he believed was what right for the country he served both as an enlisted ser-

viceman and as a public servant who looked out for everyone who called themselves American, including those living in the territories. He was the embodiment of a true public servant and a role model for doing good work that transcends partisan politics.

"Lt. Gov. Hocog and I extend our families' sympathies and the condolences of the Commonwealth to his wife Cindy, their family, as well as to the people of the State of Arizona as they mourn his passing." (PR)

HOPE

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parole office," Milne said.

The facility was created on Aug. 15, 2017.

Milne noted that the 16-week program is client-centered, meaning the length of treatment under the program varies per case.

In line with celebrating the first-year anniversary, Torres yesterday proclaimed September as CNMI Recovery Month.

"...Recovery month focuses on not only people and treatment, but also people who are in recovery. That is the main important thing for today," Milne said.

The program Milne oversees, abbreviated to SAAR, aims to provide a "cultural and evidenced-based" treatment along with "best-practiced strategy services" on rehabilitation and recovery in order to improve the overall quality of life for individuals struggling with substance abuse and behavioral difficulties related to addictions.

The guest speaker for the ceremony, who wishes to remain unnamed, shared his experiences with substance abuse, which caused him to be incarcerated for 10 years.

Marvin, which is not his real name, said he struggled with the stigma that comes with being incarcerated.

"It was very difficult for me. Everyone I knew had changed, moved one, or simply turned their backs on me. That's what it felt like to me," he said, adding that due to the isolation, he turned back to his addiction. "I sought solace with old acquaintances—I sought com-

fort in drugs and alcohol."

"I was barely functioning," Marvin said, adding that he was hooked for an additional 10 years.

"It got to a point where I was so sick and tired of it—ruining my relationships and losing my kids. With no hope, I found myself standing at the gates of [the HOPE] facility. In this place, I met a group of people who did not judge me, who did not tell me that there was something wrong with me, and that they could fix it," he said.

Marvin noted that, with SAAR, he was able to retreat to a quiet place.

"They guided me to work with my resentments and to deal with my anger. The SAAR program empowered me to take charge of the situation. They have empowered me to gain control over my life," he said. "I no longer try to outrun my past. I can never truly atone for the all past indiscretions, harm, and chaos I have caused. I can never make up for any of those things I have done, but I can make things better from today moving forward. I have come to realize that the things I have done are not necessarily the things I am capable of doing," adding that because of drugs, it filled his head with anger, self-loathing, and self-doubt.

"I will no longer limit myself to such destructive behaviors and hope that I may be the spark in the light of my family and those around me to strive for a happier, healthier life for the CNMI."

For those interested in the program, contact SAAR at hrc.sar@gmail.com or call 323-4673.

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A woman who became trapped inside a toppled vehicle due to

a car collision in Chalan Piao over the weekend managed to escape all on her own.

The collision was first reported to the Department of

PaganWatch said disappointed with court ruling; eyes appeal

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PaganWatch co-founder Cinta Kaipat said they are disappointed with the U.S. District Court's ruling over the group's lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of the Navy, they "respectfully" disagrees with it, and that they are looking at their options, including appealing the ruling.

"People of the Northern Islands will continue to oppose the relocation as it poses an existential threat to the residents of the Commonwealth," Kaipat said.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona had ruled Wednesday last week that the Defense and the Navy did not violate the National Environmental Policy Act or the Administrative Procedure Act when they decided to relocate the U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam—as alleged by PaganWatch and three other environmental groups.

Kaipat said Friday that, at this point, they are considering an appeal. She said they let their lawyers make the decision whether to file a motion for reconsideration first before bringing the matter to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

"We just know that we are not going to just walk away," said Kaipat, a former assistant attorney general and currently a Marianas Visitors Authority board member.

In her ruling, Manglona said

SHRM CEO to headline NMI chapter meeting

Johnny C. Taylor Jr., president and chief executive officer of the Society for Human Resource Management, will be the keynote speaker of the CNMI SHRM general membership meeting this September.

Taylor will discuss partnering one's workforce, corporate and government leaders to address unique HR challenges. He will discuss the value of creating and building partnerships with workforce, corporate and government leaders to address the unique challenges we face in the future of HR.

This will be a historic gathering for the CNMI human resources community as it will be the first time in two decades that the organization's national president will visit the CNMI.

This meeting will be held at Pacific Island Club Saipan's

she finds that the Defense and Navy's decision to limit the training and range areas to those that met the needs of the Marines being relocated from Okinawa to Guam "was not arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion."

"The decision was rationally and reasonably based on a consideration of the factors relevant to complying with the diplomatic agreement with Japan while meeting the immediate training needs of the Marines," said Manglona in a 41-page decision and order that favored Defense and Navy.

The judge further finds that the actions decided on in the relocation final environmental impact statement and supplemental environmental impact statement for the relocation of Marines in Okinawa to Guam, and the range and training areas proposed in the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement Draft EIS are not connected actions.

PaganWatch, the Tinian Women Association, Guardians of Gani, and the Center for Biological Diversity are suing Navy and Defense and their top officials for alleged violation of NEPA and APA over their decision to relocate 5,000 U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam and to conduct live-training on Tinian and Pagan.

The lawsuit involves a procedural challenge to the Defense and Navy's decisions to relocate thousands of Marines from Okinawa to Guam and to construct training and base facilities on Guam and Tinian.

Charley's Cabaret on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, beginning at 12pm. It is open to the public and will provide information for employers, managers, and HR professionals and staff.

The presentation includes the PIC lunch buffet at a cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members.

Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones by e-mail at penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867/68.

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Woman survives car collision

Public Safety on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, which then relayed the information to the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 6:18am.

Medics and rescuers from the Susupe Fire Station and Koblerville Fire Station arrived on scene at 6:22am.

Upon arrival, a 47-year-old woman was found sitting on a bench at the store across Hopwood Middle School.

The woman stated that she was the driver when her vehicle was hit by a pickup truck, causing the vehicle to roll over one

time and turn upside down.

The woman, who managed to crawl out of the vehicle with no assistance, complained of pain in her upper body and had minor scratches on her chest from the seat belt. No other complaints were reported.

The woman was treated and brought to Commonwealth Health Center's emergency room. No information about her condition was released by DFEMS.

DPS also responded to a motor vehicle accident involving a drunk driver who ran off the road on Saturday, Aug. 25,

2018, at approximately 3:57am. DPS responded to a call about an auto accident near the San Vicente Post Office. The driver was later identified as 24-year-old Noel Joe Sanchez.

DPS arrived at the scene to find the vehicle already off the highway, having hit the barrier head-on.

According to a report from DPS, Sanchez became trapped inside the car because the impact of the crash caused the car's engine and transmission to shatter and enter the interior of the vehicle.

Medics worked for an hour

to extract Sanchez from the vehicle and transport him to the CHC emergency room. Sanchez was treated and released from CHC, but has since been referred to Guam for further medical attention.

DPS investigators noticed over 300 feet of skid marks before the crash and determined that the vehicle was traveling well over 70 miles per hour before the impact.

A blood alcohol test was administered at CHCC and it was determined that the driver had been drinking prior to the accident.

He was cited for exceeding the speed limit and failing to maintain lane.



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Demapan: DoD has been helping Tinian

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

The U.S. Department of Defense has already begun helping Tinian with certain infrastructure projects as part of its commitment to helping develop Saipan's closest island neighbor, said Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan).

The GOP lawmaker, who is the House Ways and Means Committee chair, told *Saipan Tribune* that the recent visit to Tinian of DoD Deputy Assistant Secretary Allison Sands confirms that the projects are

moving forward.

"The visit of [Sands] a few days ago to announce that these projects are moving forward brings a sense of renewed hope for the people of Tinian," said Demapan, adding that this is contrary to the statement of CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) that there has been no commitment from DoD. Demapan is challenging Sablan for the delegate position.

"I am pleased...that DoD has begun making contributions to the community by committing to fund certain

infrastructure projects. Currently, the Guam National Guard's 254th Red Horse Squadron is on Tinian, making improvements to the Tinian Health Center. This project is estimated to be approximately \$500,000," Demapan said.

He pointed out that DoD has also partnered with the CNMI government in completing the pavement of Marpo Heights II, with the request for proposals for the architecture and engineering design, and the National Environmental Policy Act out this week.

Improving the Tinian seaport is another DoD commitment. "These projects are not funded by the [National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019] and are aside, and separate from any current DoD training proposals such as the divert [airfield]."

"These projects are being funded through different programs within DoD such as the Innovative Readiness Training program and is a result of our work locally with DOD to find opportunities to benefit the people of Tinian."

Demapan said his collaboration with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas, the Tinian and Aiguigan Legislative Delegation,

and the Commonwealth Ports Authority helped make the projects possible.

"And this, I should add, is a proactive approach by Gov. Torres, Mayor San Nicolas, the [TALD], CPA and I have taken to counter the cloud of fear and uncertainty from Washington that the people of Tinian will not get the assistance they need."

He added that he emphasized in last year's CPA board meeting that he supports continued military activities on Tinian as long as the daily lives of people are not affected. "I appeared before the board and expressed my support of continued military training activities with the caveat that the activities are socially and culturally acceptable to the people of Tinian, are not harmful to the environment and are consistent with Tinian's economic development plans."

"At that meeting, I also called on DoD to start making good on the promises made to the people of Tinian by delivering tangible, direct benefits to the people and community outside the MLA and outside project fence lines."

The next thing that's being discussed is the divert activities. "The CNMI government,

through CPA, is currently negotiating a lease agreement with the DoD for the proposed location of the divert activities and exercises on Tinian."

He also welcomed the expected \$51 million appropriated under NDAA that would go to the construction of other infrastructure that would support the divert activities. "Specifically, the NDAA has authorized \$46 million for

the construction of a cargo pad and runway extension and \$4.7 million for the construction of a maintenance support facility."

"Assuming that CPA and DOD enter into a lease that is acceptable for the people of the CNMI...these funds will go toward construction within the airport fence line for the benefit of our U.S. Air Force which has expressed the need for the divert airfield as both an operational and training requirement."

Altering official docs now a crime

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law House Bill 20-111 yesterday, making it a crime to alter any official document bearing the court seal, including certified copies.

The law states that every person who willfully and unlawfully conceals, removes, takes away, mutilates, obliterates, alters (including the alteration of any document displaying the court seal or a copy of the court seal), destroys, or attempts to do so, or willfully takes and carries away records or process in or from any court or official authorized to issue or serve the same, is guilty of tampering with judicial records or process. Upon being convicted of this crime, a person may be imprisoned for not



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs House Bill 20-111 into law.

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more than five years, or fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

Offered by Rep. Glenn L. Maratita, H.B. 20-111 becomes Public Law 20-62. (PR)

PH consular outreach processes 394 passports



Several attend the first day of the PH Consular Outreach at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral's Daidai Social Hall last week.

ERWIN ENCINARES

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam processed over 390 passports during a three-day consular outreach at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral's Daidai Social Hall.

A representative of the office of Honorary Consul Glicerio Arago noted that the consular outreach from Aug. 21 through Aug. 23 processed 394 of the expected 420 passports—most of them renewals of expiring or expired passports.

Four lost passport renewals were pro-

cessed while six passport extensions were granted. A passport extension is used for those wishing to travel with their passports under the required six-month validity limit.

A total of six reports of birth and two reports of marriage were noted, while there were no reports of death. Four dual citizen applications were processed while there were 220 instances of overseas voting registrations processed. These instances

include renewals, registration, taking of photos, etc.

Affidavits requested amounted to 12 over the three-day period.

There were 44 scheduled appointments that did not show up, while they also serviced a total of 22 walk-ins.

Vice consul Alex Vallespin from Guam oversaw the outreach.

The next consular outreach date was not specified. (Erwin Encinares)



PUBLIC NOTICE

15th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.
Board of Education Conference Room, Building 1241
Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

AGENDA¹

- I. Preliminary
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. August 8, 2018 Special Board Meeting
- II. Public Comments²
- III. Reports
 1. Chair
 2. Board Committees
 - a. FPA
 - b. SARC
 3. Commissioner of Education
 - a. Financial Status Reports
 - i. Federal
 - ii. Local
 - b. Head Start Program
 - c. Others
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
 1. Head Start Supplemental Grant One Time Improvement Fund
 2. Collateral Equipment Proposal, USDA Rural Development Program
 3. Nutrition Assistance Program Grant Application (School Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks)
 4. Grants to School Emergency Management Grant Application (GSEM)
 5. Certification & Licensure Office
 - a. CLO Report No. 2018-009
- VI. Ratification of Written Comments to Proposed Legislation
 1. H.B. 20-174 Board of Education Committee Meeting Compensation
 2. H.B. 20-178 SD4 To Regulate Cannabis in the Commonwealth
- VII. Executive Session³
 1. Legal Updates
 2. Personnel/Certification
 3. Other matters
- VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting
- IX. Adjournment

¹ In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.

² Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

³ Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Navy calls off search for missing sailor in eastern Pacific

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The U.S. Navy says it is calling off its search for a sailor reported lost at sea earlier this week in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Officials said in a statement Thursday they were ending the four-day search and rescue operation and haven't been able to locate the sailor who

disappeared from the USS *Lake Erie* on Aug. 19.

The Navy initiated a "man overboard" search after the sailor couldn't be found

aboard the ship, which was conducting routine training operations.

Military officials have not identified the missing sailor.

But an Atlanta woman, Alicia McCalla, who said she's the sailor's mother, posted a video on Facebook identifying him as Lt. j.g. Asante McCalla.

She said the Navy has not provided regular updates about the search or the circumstances surrounding her son's disappearance.

VOX POPULI

What did you think of the 2018 SoCA?

By **ERWIN ENCINARES**
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REPORTER



"This is a healthy thing that the people of the CNMI needs to hear [such as] what the progress of the CNMI is in the government. It was good. It outlined everything that was [achieved] throughout the term of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' administration. Overall, I would continue to serve the people as I was vested to."

—**Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol Capt. Anthony I. Macaranas**



"The clear message was progress. We are moving—we are moving as one CNMI, we are collaborating with each other: the governor, the Legislature, all of the key players are continuing toward progress. The SOCA was a good wake-up call that sends the message that we are still working for the community. I am looking forward to some of the proposals to continue."

—**Legislative assistant Joel Camacho**



"I felt more informed. It was informative and it was great. I hope that the off-island people that watch the SOCA are going to feel that there is something for them when they come back. I hope that they come back and contribute...because we need the younger generation because they are our future. [We need them] now more than ever."

—**Bruce Camacho**



"With the SOCA, we know what was going on, what has changed, from the past to the present. Most of it was an improvement. No one expected Soudelor. I lost my house, had to rent houses. From there, we got help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Red Cross, etc. Other than that, part of my dream came true—I became a police officer of two years. So many good improvements especially with drugs—it is out of the street [more]. We see more uniformed officers out that prevents crime for happening, deterrence."

—**DPS officer Maridel Camacho**



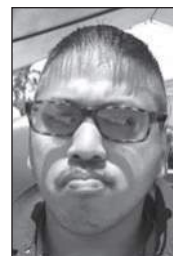
"It was beautiful. I am very happy with it—very satisfied. It gives me more excitement. It is almost like a rally for all employees to continue to work hard and continue to make progress for our children, our future. It was a very good, beautiful, excellent speech and SOCA presentation on the governor's achievements. I am very satisfied."

—**Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan)**



"I had an opportunity to thank the governor for his remarks and thank him for his invitation today and acknowledging the CBP and our role in helping international travel and as members of the public in the community at large. The theme I took away is it [SOCA] was a story about people: a walk through life, a journey on us. Who we are together as a people moving forward and, to me, that was quite inspirational. Pointing out the young people, pointing out the progress, just the general theme of us—us moving forward together as a community, as a people, and I really enjoyed that. That was quite refreshing."

—**U.S. Customs and Border Protection Director of Field Operations Brian Humphrey**



"It is my first time ever to attend the SOCA by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres. I found the address very informative. I am glad there were notable accomplishments in mind. I know that there is still room for improvement and I believe that we can get there if the governor is elected four more years. The accomplishments could not have been possible without our federal partners that provide us grants on an annual basis. It's a hand-in-hand relationship with the local and federal government, and I hope that relationship continues moving forward."

—**Commonwealth Office on Transit Authority marketing specialist John Demapan**



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 18-031

Opening Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018
Closing Date: Until Filled

DIRECT RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OPERATOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT LEVEL 2 CERTIFIED Re-announcement

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is a government utility providing power, water, and wastewater services in the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), a U.S. commonwealth in the western Pacific. The incumbent of this position is under the overall supervision of the Division Manager or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, installations and/or repairs in service area assigned. Inspects equipment and determines if any repairs are needed. Performs preventative maintenance in service area assigned. Maintains level of supplies and equipment. Positions assigned to Wastewater are also responsible for: Cleaning, maintaining, repairing and painting submersible pumps; Lifting, inspecting and replacing submersible pumps; Rewinding motors for emergency purposes; Fabricating, welding and bypassing pumps and pipes to ensure operation; Troubleshooting treatment plant problems; Performing maintenance and repairs on generators; Operating Vactor trucks; Monitoring and performing preventive maintenance on sewer lines, manholes and lift stations; Taking treatment plant readings and performing adjustments; Troubleshooting and maintaining control panels; Running sludge by oiling and cleaning the filter press. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level. This is a Direct Responsible Charge (DRC Operator) position required by Stipulated Order Number One of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

LOCATION : Wastewater Division, SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands, USA
SALARY : Starting: \$45,326.00 per annum, Exempt (Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience)
POSITIONS : One (1)
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, Subject to renewal

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Licensing Requirement: Must have a Wastewater Treatment Level 2 Certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or from an authorized alternative (such as from the NMI Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ)). Also required is a CNMI Driver's License or one from another U.S. jurisdiction. **Education:** High School Diploma, or General Education Diploma or Adult School Diploma through a U.S. state or territory Adult Basic Education program, "and" four (4) years of increasingly responsible experience related to the area assigned. **Knowledge of:** Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Basic mathematics. **Skill in:** Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level maintenance and installations in service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 18-058

Opening Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018
Closing Date: Until Filled

Engineer (Re-announcement)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Chief Engineer or his/her designee. Position is assigned to both routine and simple water and sewer facilities and projects. Duties and responsibilities include: Perform field measurements for distance, elevation, flows, pressures and other elements related to water and sewer system designs, including configuration of water/sewer facilities, utilizing surveying equipment and GIS system; Design size and length of water mains, capacity (pumping rate and head) of booster stations, size, slope, and distance of sewer gravity mains and force mains, size, pumping capacity, and liquid level control of Lift stations; Design drawings to portray facilities to be constructed based on completed design and specification preparation for water systems and water sources, transmission and distribution pipelines and storage tank, including wastewater systems and facilities sewer lines, sewer pumping stations and treatment plants. Writes reports for engineering feasibility analysis, evaluations, such as water and wastewater flow, well production, water loss, electrical consumption, system hydraulics. Prepare scopes of work for a variety of A&E consultant services related to existing and proposed water and sewer systems; Analysis of water system operation performance by pressure zone; Operations support such as review of operating mode and system configuration, water leaks detection, repairs and recovery of water loss. Ensure proper installation and monitoring of pilot control system using supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA); Effects repairs to multiple emergency power generators for the wastewater lift stations; Responsible for overseeing the engineering aspect of the water and wastewater system operations modifications, maintenance and repairs; and Perform other related engineering duties as assigned.

LOCATION(S) : Water & Wastewater Engineering Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : \$40,084.00 to \$51,853.00 per annum, Exempt (Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience)
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, subject to renewal
POSITION(S) : One (1)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil or Environmental Engineering and four years of related engineering experience. Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering is also acceptable if candidate has four years of experience engineering water and/or wastewater systems. **Knowledge of:** Engineering principles and practices; mathematical, pumping and hydraulics, and wastewater conveyance and treatment concepts; project management principles; construction techniques; safe work practices; applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations. **Skill in:** Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; reading, understanding, and preparing drawings for construction contracts; preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; interpreting and preparing specifications; estimating construction costs; conducting studies. Able to use computers and related software applications; communicate, interact with co-workers, supervisor, contractors, representatives of other agencies and departments, and the general public to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction; use AutoCAD to prepare plans for utility projects and contracts is a plus. Registration as an Engineer-In-Training in the CNMI, Guam, or any State of the United States is preferred but not required. Applicants licensed as a Professional Engineer in the CNMI, Guam, or any State of the United States is encouraged to apply. Applicants may be subject to pre-employment testing.

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Woman makes history with Guam Guard

A soldier from the Guam Army National Guard's 1st-294th Infantry Regiment's Delta Company completed the U.S. Army's infantry basic officer leaders course and then became the Guam Guard's first female to complete the ranger training assessment course at the U.S. Army's Warrior Training Center at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Second Lt. Estella Blas Aguon joined the Guam Guard in 2015 as a combat medic, or 68W, assigned to the medical detachment. She attended officer candidate school, was commissioned as a second lieutenant and assigned as an infantry officer and platoon leader in 2017.

The RTAC is 16 days in duration and divided into two phases: the Assessment Phase trains and evaluates students on multiple tasks and tech-

niques that include the ranger physical fitness test, combat water survival assessment, land navigation, ruck march, obstacle course, ranger task, two-mile equipment run and other various physical fitness events. They are also trained in troop leading procedures, tactics, patrolling technique and small unit operations. Students must pass this phase in order to continue into the second phase.

The second phase of RTAC is the Patrolling Phase, during which students are rotated into leadership positions and evaluated on their abilities to successfully accomplish small unit combat operations from planning through execution. Students are also evaluated on their ability to lead squad-sized patrols. Upon completion, they will be recommended for attendance at

the ranger course.

According to Aguon, she learned a lot during the short course. "It doesn't matter if you are male or female, it's a great course... a true testament of will and desire. You test your mind and body-thinking under stress, making a decision that will affect you and others, and learning to operate with little to no sleep. The great thing is that we all endured the same pain together. This allowed us to come together and work as a team—it was the only way to accomplish the mission," she said. Aguon believes that completing RTAC will help her as a leader. "I know more about myself and I know more about being a leader and leading soldiers," she said.

In January 2016, at the direction of then-Defense Secretary Ashton Carter, all



GUAM NATIONAL GUARD
Second Lt. Estella Blas Aguon, from the Guam Army National Guard's 1st-294th Infantry Regiment's Delta Company, completes Infantry Officer Basic Leaders Course and earns her Blue Cord at Fort Benning, Georgia, earlier this month.

junior soldiers. Aguon is the second female from the Guam Guard to complete the infantry basic officer leaders course, or IBOLC.

Aguon enjoyed her IBOLC experience, where she learned about being a leader and a teammate. As the only female in her company, her "brothers-in-arms" pushed her to be better, to hold her own weight and eventually earned her more respect. "At the end of the journey, I completed the course and earned my 'Blue Cord,'" Aguon said.

According to Wikipedia, the Infantry Blue Cord is a U.S. Army decoration worn over the right shoulder of all qualified U.S. Army infantrymen. (PR)

Naraja wife sues bank for alleged defamation

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REPORTER

The wife of Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja has filed a defamation lawsuit against Bank of Hawaii for allegedly refusing to honor her eight cashier's checks totaling \$290,000 that she had purchased in 2016, but then telling all other banks on Saipan that she had improperly secured the checks.

Aside from defamation, Frances DLG Naraja, through counsel William M. Fitzgerald, is also suing BOH for dishonoring the cashier's check and conversion.

Naraja asked the Superior Court to order the return of \$290,000, represented by the cashier's checks, with interest. She is also seeking damages and wants a jury trial.

She filed the lawsuit in the local court last July 13. The bank, through lawyer Sean Frink, asked last Aug. 17 that the lawsuit be moved to the U.S. District Court, citing diversity jurisdiction as BOH and Naraja are citizens of different states and the amount in question is more than \$75,000.

According to Fitzgerald in the complaint, prior to Dec. 6, 2016, Naraja held a BOH savings account in the name of herself, her sister Gloria DLG Sablan, and her brother, Joaquin V. DeLeon Guerrero.

Fitzgerald said all three had signatory power over the account.

Fitzgerald said that on Dec. 6, 2016, Naraja went to BOH, Gualo Rai Branch, and purchased eight cashier's checks in the total amount of \$290,000.

Fitzgerald attached as exhibits copies of the eight

checks to support her complaint.

He said the checks were purchased with funds in the account of Naraja, and the account was debited in the amount of the checks and then closed.

The cashier's checks were payable to Naraja and were approved and signed by the bank's manager and an authorized signatory.

On Dec. 28, 2016, Naraja presented to a BOH teller a check payable to her in the amount of \$10,000.

Fitzgerald said BOH refused to honor the check and informed Naraja that all eight of the checks would not be honored.

He said BOH refused payment of them and informed Naraja that they had been cancelled because the bank had discovered, subsequent to the checks being issued, that the Superior Court had issued a writ of execution for "any type of account in the name of Joaquin V. Guerrero."

Fitzgerald said no account in the name of Joaquin V. Guerrero existed at the time BOH received the writ of execution.

He said BOH informed all the other banks on the island that Naraja had improperly secured the cashier's checks, and that BOH would, therefore, not honor the checks.

Fitzgerald said as a result, BOH converted Naraja's money to the bank's use, causing her mental anguish, emotional distress, and humiliation.

Fitzgerald said without justification or further investigation,

BOH invalidated and refused to honor the checks.

The lawyer said by refusing to honor the cashier's checks and refusing to make the funds that she paid the bank for the cashier's checks available to her for withdrawal as the owner of the funds, the bank has willfully converted Naraja's money and is liable to her for its return.

He said as a result of BOH's false and defamatory statements, Naraja has been greatly injured in her good name and character and suffered damages to be proven at trial.

In April 2017, Commonwealth Development Authority, through its then-counsel Jennifer Dockter, disclosed that CDA filed a lawsuit in 2004 against couple Joaquin V. Guerrero and Esther Guerrero and their business, Island Security Services Inc., for unpaid loans.

Dockter said that in December 2006, in an attempt to collect money long due to CDA, CDA applied for and received a writ of execution for any funds held in BOH related to Joaquin Guerrero.

Dockter said after obtaining the writ of execution to seize the currency and cashier's checks from Naraja, CDA successfully recovered the cashier's checks that CDA caused to be deposited with the court.

Dockter said the \$6,000 withdrawn by Naraja was never recovered by BOH or CDA because it had been "dissipated" while in Naraja's possession.



Fitzgerald

» BOH wants case moved from local court to district court



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Reminder to all CNMI employers

All employers in the Commonwealth are being reminded of the deadline to report a list of your current employees to the Office of the Attorney General.

The Office of the Attorney General gave notice yesterday about the establishment of the state directory of new hires and the 90-day deadline for the Child Support Enforcement Office is fast approaching. That deadline is Sept. 12, 2018.

As a reminder, all employers must report within 20 days to the Office of the Attorney General, Child Support Enforcement Office, whenever an employer hires or re-hires an employee, regardless of whether or not said employee

has a child support case.

In addition, employers are required to report monthly, no later than the 10th day of each month, when an employee resigns, terminates, or no longer works for an employer.

For more information on what needs to be reported and methods of reporting, visit our website at www.cnmioag.org or call 237-7500. (OAG)

BECQ seeks volunteers for cleanup

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Cleanup Brigade will be deviating from its first Saturday of the month in order to coincide with the 2018 International Coastal Cleanup scheduled for Sept. 15, 2018.

If you would like to volunteer,

access the forms from: <https://goo.gl/forms/3pPLJbmgtgTfUO2>. Select a site, register, and we will contact you.

For more information about volunteering, contact Mallory Muna or Colleen Flores at the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. (PR)

Free health outreach

The Good Hands Ministry will be holding a free health check-up on Sept. 2, 2018, Sunday, from 2pm to 6pm, at the Garapan Basketball Court. There will be blood sugar check, blood pressure check, body massage, facial cleansing, free haircut, free reading eyeglass (first 50 people), and free giveaways (bag of toiletries for the first 100 people). There will be snacks and refreshments. (PR)

Sendoff today for Guam Guard airmen

A sendoff ceremony will be held today, Aug. 28, beginning at 2:30pm, in the Governor's Cabinet conference room of the Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo Complex, in Adelup, to bid farewell to deploying airmen.

Overseas deployments continue for the Guam Air National Guard, with airmen from the 254th Security Forces Squadron and the 254th Comptroller Flight to deploy in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel and Operation Inherent Resolve later this month.

The members of the 254th Security Forces Squadron are tasked with the protection of federal property from hazards such as sabotage, espionage, trespass, theft,

fire, and accident or willful damage and destruction and to maintain law and order, preserve the peace, and protect life and civil rights within the U.S. Central Command Theater of Operations in order to engineer combat power and establish and sustain combat platforms.

A member of the 254th Comptroller Flight will support U.S. Air Force CENTCOM with a mission to provide war fighting support capabilities and enhance the tools required to perform the job by developing an expeditionary mindset, improving contingency/war fighting capabilities, and improving comptroller war planning.

The Guard asks the public for their continued support as

this deployment will have a significant impact on our Air Guard component.

"We want to thank the people of Guam, especially the employers, for their continued support of our airmen and their families," said Maj. Gen. Roderick R. Leon Guerrero, the adjutant general for the Guam National Guard. "We still have airmen from the 254th Red Horse Squadron who are currently deployed or supporting missions around the world. Please keep them and these airmen in your thoughts and prayers now as they prepare to deploy and for the duration of their deployment."

The airmen are scheduled to leave in the coming weeks and will be deployed for approximately six months. (PR)

CNMI women candidates support one another

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REPORTER

Prompted by the large number of women candidates who have registered to run in this year's election, the Soroptimist International Northern Marianas Island hosted last Friday an intimate forum for the candidates to acquaint them with one another and the public.

According to Soroptimist International Northern Marianas Island president-elect Donna Krum, the goal of the forum was to have the 11 female candidates in this year's election mingle and realize that they have the same common goals as strong, driven women.

Moreover, Krum said, it was a chance to get to know the candidates as women—so the event was not at all politically motivated.

The women were given the opportunity to share their plans for the CNMI, if elected into office, and what drove them to run or seek re-election.

Many of the candidates shared the same view to nurture families and to prioritize the children of the CNMI.

According to Samantha Birmingham-Babauta, who is running for House representative in Precinct 1, she is motivated in wanting to make a difference in the CNMI's healthcare system.

House of Representatives vice speaker Rep. Janet Maritita (R-Saipan) said that she is seeking re-election to continue to be the voice of children.

"I see the need of our children and that women can make the difference for these



KIMBERLY BAUTISTA
The 11 candidates running for office in this year's election pose for a photo during the Soroptimist International Northern Marianas Island's intimate event last Friday.

children," she said.

Maritita said she is currently working on a bill that would allocate a portion of the Casino Business Gross Revenue tax to keep the Medicaid program running for the children of low-income families.

Rep. Alice Igitol (R-Saipan), who is also seeking re-election, said she is pushing for a more loving CNMI and women have more experience in nurturing a loving home.

Sheila Babauta, who is running for House representative for Precinct 4, said that wom-

en candidates, as a whole, are working toward a common goal, which is to come together and protect families in the CNMI.

Other candidates present at the get-together were Rita A. Sablan, who is running for lieutenant governor; Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), who is currently seeking re-election; Juanita Mendiola; Edith Guerrero; Tina Sablan; and Isabel Matsunaga.

The event was the first of its kind to showcase the women candidates.

Free mental health first-aid training

The Council on Developmental Disabilities and Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, in collaboration with the Systems of Care Program, are offering the Mental Health First Aid Training for Employers on Sept. 6, from 7:30am to 4:30pm at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Employers are encouraged to take part in this training. According to mentalhealth-

firstaid.org, "mental health first aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders in your community."

Training will start promptly at 7:30am.

Participants must be present for the entire duration of the training, which is eight hours, ending at 4:30pm.

Seating is limited, so regis-

ter as soon as possible.

If you are interested in attending this training as you believe it will benefit your department, agency, organization, business, or company, contact Arlene Kay Miyagata, director, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation at (670) 322-6537/8; TTY: (670) 322-6449; fax: (670) 322-6548; or email ayamagata@ovrgov.net; nmidir@ovrgov.net. **(PR)**



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CHCC Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 12:00p.m.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- IV. To vote and approve Applications for Privileges for the following individuals:
New Applicants: 1) Dr. Grace Kim
Renewal Applicants: 1) Dr. Michael Taylor;
2) Heather Taylor
- V. Adjournment



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August 28, 2018

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CDA BUILDING, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 1. Roll Call
 2. Adoption of Agenda
 3. Adoption of Minutes
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE MATTER
- IV. OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT ABOVE
- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ DAVID S. DEMAPAN
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors

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A Special Meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29th, 2018 in the conference room at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Adoption of Minutes
- VI. New Business
 - A. Amendments to Casino License Agreement
 1. Live Training Facility
 2. To allow to operate less than 4-5 Star Facility
 3. To allow to open Phase Development in Stages
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission by telephone through the Office of the Finance Secretary at 664-1100.

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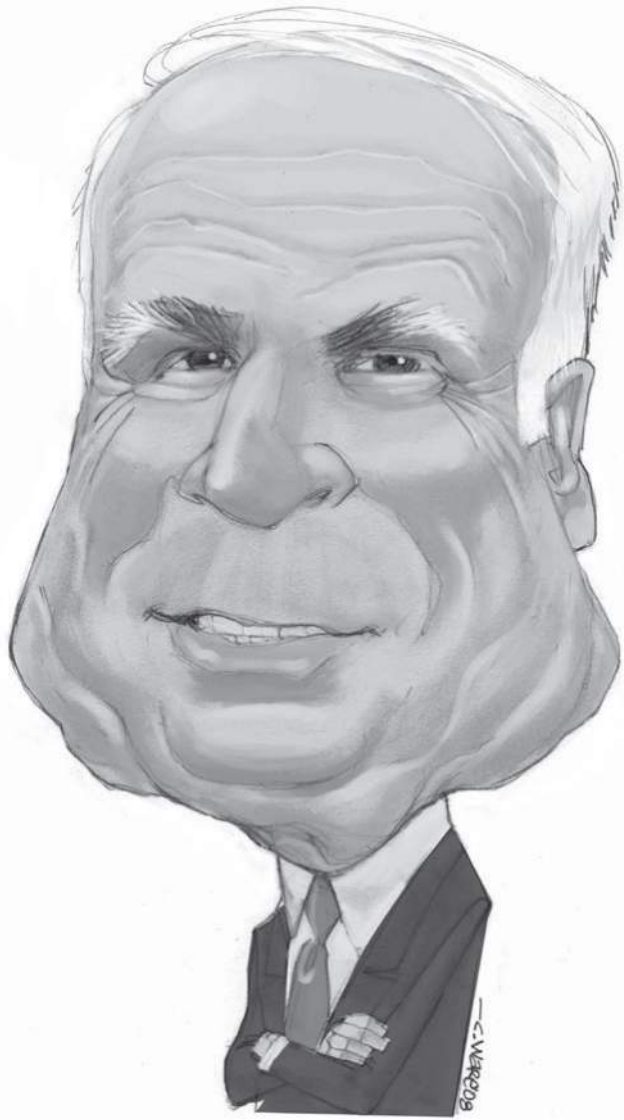
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EDITORIAL

John McCain, American patriot

Over the course of American history, a handful of U.S. senators have been so consequential that they are remembered better than some presidents. Among them are Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, Robert La Follette, Everett Dirksen and Ted Kennedy. John McCain, who died Saturday, deserves to be the most recent addition to this exclusive company.

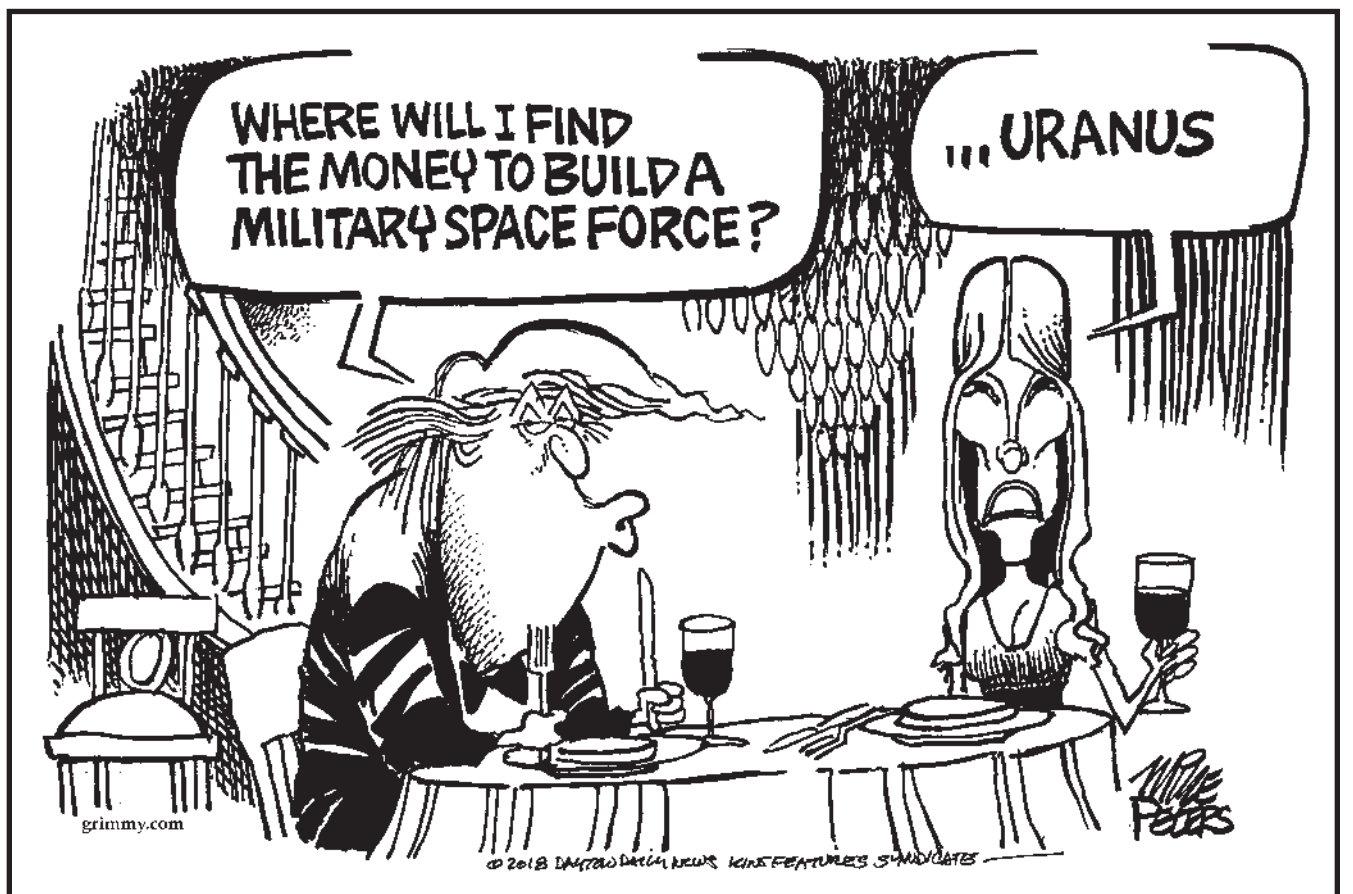
He was one of a kind—a blunt-spoken legislator with a sense of humor who followed a sometimes unpredictable



course, often clashed with his own party and exercised an outsized influence on policy debates. After losing to Barack Obama in his 2008 race for the presidency, he absorbed the defeat and resumed his Senate work with unflagging zeal.

McCain graduated near the bottom of his class at the Naval Academy, where he was infamous for his large number of demerits. As a Navy pilot, he was shot down over Hanoi in 1967, captured and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp. There he spent more than five years enduring torture and solitary con-

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What we lost in John McCain

We are mourning Sen. John McCain this week—most of us, at least—and well we should. But what exactly are we mourning? Why do we feel a sense of loss?

It's not that McCain's politics were universally popular; far from it. Democrats enjoyed his bouts of rebelliousness, but he was never really on their side; he was always a conservative and a hawk. Many Republicans distrusted him; by the end of his life, his party's pro-Trump base considered him an apostate.

Nor is it the record of bipartisan legislation he leaves; that record is, in fact, rather thin. His most important achievement, the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law, has been eviscerated by the Supreme Court. Most of his other projects, like immigration reform, ended in failure.

An easy answer is that McCain is an object of reverence for his personal courage, which was considerable when he exerted it, and for his old-fashioned civility in political battle. His concession speech to Barack Obama at the end of the nasty 2008 presidential campaign—"Senator Obama has achieved a great thing for himself and his country." ... "(He) will be my president"—was a model of grace amid disappointment.

But plenty of politicians, even in the age of President Trump, still manage to behave civilly toward their opponents. McCain was more complicated and more interesting.

What distinguished the Arizonan most was his adherence, worn on his sleeve, to a rigorous code of honor inherited from his father and grandfather, both decorated Navy admirals—combined with his recurring habit of falling short of his own standards and reproaching himself for his failings in public.

Nearly all politicians cut corners on their way to the top. Few of them apologize when they do. (The current president of the United States, who loathed McCain, never apologizes for anything.) None, at least none in recent memory, ever apologized as fully and relentlessly as McCain.

All honest politicians hate the squalid little tradeoffs that politics demands—the favors, the compromises, the truckling to campaign donors. But most of them express their distress in private. McCain felt compelled to express his in public.

In his 2000 campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, for instance, McCain faced a difficult choice in South Carolina. Demands were rising to remove the Confederate flag from the state capitol, and McCain's first instinct was to agree: "It's a symbol of racism and slavery," he said. But after aides told him his position, however admirable, would lose him the state's primary, he backed off, saying he "understood both sides."

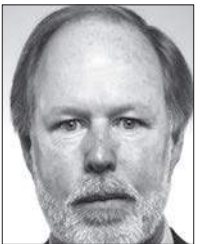
Months later, after losing, McCain returned to the state to confess his error. "I chose to compromise my principles," he said. "I broke my promise to always tell the truth."

In a later memoir, he was even tougher on himself: "I had not just been dishonest. I had been a coward, and I had severed my

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own interest from my country's. That was what made the lie unforgivable."

That was McCain's most oddly attractive characteristic: He hated hypocrisy—especially if he was the one practicing it.

It was attractive because it conveyed a larger lesson. In his life and in his words, McCain preached that every American should try to meet the highest standards of honor and valor—but he recognized that no one will always succeed, including himself. The test of character, he argued, was whether you owned up to your errors and used them to spur yourself to do better.

No wonder he found himself in bitter opposition to Trump, an ersatz conservative opportunist whose standards of honor and valor have proven undetectable.

McCain became the de facto leader of the GOP opposition to Trump in the Senate, more willing to speak bluntly on a larger range of the president's offenses against decency and good government than any of his colleagues.

He warned the president against cozying up to Russia's Vladimir Putin ("a thug"), criticized Trump's order banning U.S. entry to people from seven mostly Muslim countries ("harmful"), and denounced his proposal to tax imports from Mexico ("insane").

A year ago, McCain cast one of the decisive dissenting votes against his party's attempt to repeal Obama's healthcare law—not because he wanted to keep the law (he didn't), but because he considered the bill Trump was pushing hopelessly inadequate. The president never forgave him.

And only a few weeks ago, after Trump praised Putin at a summit in Helsinki, Finland, McCain unloaded again.

"No prior president has ever abased himself more abjectly before a tyrant," he said.

That was McCain at his best.

After his cancer diagnosis, McCain wrote in his recent memoir that because his career was nearing its end, "I'm freer than colleagues who will face the voters again. I can speak my mind without fearing the consequences much. And I can vote my conscience without worry."

Have three sadder sentences ever been written about American politics?

Alas, that fully liberated version of McCain was free only for the final 20 months of his career. We are the poorer for that—and that is what we mourn.

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When and why the world went wrong

What exactly has gone wrong, and when and why? The open, democratic world order based on egalitarian rights and the rule of law —liberalism, for lack of a better term—is under increasing pressure. The signs, serious and less so, are everywhere.

The trend has now hit so many nations that the explanation has to be global. Social media are frequently cited as a driving force, but I would like to consider an alternative or perhaps complementary possibility for the breakdown of liberalism: As World War II and the Cold War recede in our collective memory, people in the West are simply becoming less cooperative.

Think back to the years during and after World War II. Western leaders created an unprecedented array of multilateral institutions, including NATO, the World Bank, the IMF, the Bretton Woods system, the United Nations, and what later became the World Trade Organization. These institutions found widespread levels of support both at home and abroad, and they persisted.

After the end of the war, there was a general (and correct) sense that international cooperation had been crucial to the Allies' victory, and that it would be necessary moving forward. World War II affected the lives of so many people, in most Western countries, that this feeling was deep and widespread. Furthermore, the ideas of the "populist right," which in some ways resembled the now-discredited views of the Axis powers, were not very appealing.

And then the Cold War came, giving these basic cooperative instincts a second lease on life. The Soviet Union and China seemed like dangerous nations with malevolent intentions, and

their rise strengthened the cooperative tendencies of the West all the more. In the mid-1970s, "America First" would have seemed like a crazy strategy, and the U.K. was joining what is now called the European Union rather than leaving it. Meanwhile, utterly demonizing one's domestic political opponents was considered bad form; the real villains were abroad, and some measure of bipartisanship was needed to beat them.

In due time, however, as those who led and fought World War II died and the threat of communism faded, so has the notion of an external enemy. There is no external "ism" —such as communism or fascism—against which liberalism can so readily be defined. China remains a geopolitical issue, but is not seen as a direct threat aside from some parts of Asia and the Pacific.

In other words, it could be that the fractious and increasingly nationalistic politics of today are how things naturally are—and the anomaly is this decades-long period of cooperation and harmony.

This is not exactly reassuring. But if you look at the partisan, controversy-laden, personality-intense, and often stupid American politics of much of the 19th century, it seems plausible. Without the presence of strong external enemies, cooperation breaks down.

There is another explanation for the rise in anti-liberal sentiment: immigration. Through a series of historical accidents, it was kept off the table as a major issue for many decades. The U.S. had choked off immigration in 1920, and at first the liberalization of the 1960s did not have much of a visible impact on the American population. In those early decades after the Immigra-

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tion and Naturalization Act of 1965, many poor nations were so poor and unfree that it wasn't easy to leave them.

As for Europe, in-migration was too small to make much of a political impact. For a while in the 1960s and 1970s, the bigger story was emigration, due to high taxes, from countries such as the U.K. and Sweden. The presence of the Iron Curtain also blocked some of the routes and sources that enable some migration to Western Europe today.

In a democratic society where there simply isn't much immigration, it is much harder for nationalists and populists to use it as an issue. But today much of the West has seen high immigration for 20 years or more, giving nationalist and populist forces a major talking point. Even if most of the population is broadly pro-immigration, perhaps a core of 15 to 20 percent will not be. With that base, a movement of counterreaction can have real political impact.

The implication of all this? It's as clear as it is depressing: Nationalism and populism aren't going away anytime soon.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just do it, Senate

Dear senators: I am respectfully writing this on behalf of many, many citizens in the CNMI who have been asking me about the passage of the marijuana bill. Since the House passed a new bill, I can't go anywhere without someone asking me about the bill becoming law. The concern that I share with other citizens is that I hope the bill won't become a political football, with the Senate either changing the bill forcing it to go back to the House or the Senate will sit on the bill because it is political season. In either case, it would be a disservice to the many people who are in support of legalization, not just so people can get high but to finally help the sick, especially those who are dying and deserve the best quality of life possible and to improve our tourism industry and create a new hemp industry that will improve our overall economic plight for the better.

Please don't sit on the bill as it took the Senate four years just to get a bill to the House and it only took the House around two

months to address the bill and even redo it. The idea of nine commission members so Rota and Tinian could control the commission like they do in the Senate was pure politics that didn't serve in the best interest of the major population represented in our government. "Apportionment based on the populated local districts, towns, cities, states and islands" is the American standard and the most equitable means for representation and to try and change this basic concept of our Democracy is just wrong.

Please don't be get caught up in trying to change the bill again. I even told the 19th Senate so that their bill should only legalize marijuana and not mention any revenue generating measures and to indicate in the bill that the House of Representatives would need to sponsor a second bill to address the revenues and other critical "start-up funding measures." Why the 19th and 20th Senate didn't listen to the person they sent to study Colorado's cannabis industry is the sad reality of why the House had to fix the bill. The great thing is the House of Representatives did redo

the bill and is going to author a second bill. We need this 20th House of Representatives to act on the companion bill to H.B. 20-178, not the next House which could be very different and not as cooperative.

Please don't wait until after the election to pass the bill as this delay will only serve to disappoint voters who were looking forward to the Senate expediting the bill to the governor. In his State of the Commonwealth Address, the governor just talked about how we must "make it rain prosperity into our economy" and this bill is an excellent example of potential for our leaders make it rain a better quality of life for the sick and dying and for prosperity to rain on all the people in the CNMI.

So please don't do anything to the bill and just pass it in an expeditious fashion.

Ambrose M. Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

JOHN

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finement but refusing offers to be released before fellow POWs who had been held longer. During a 2007 Republican presidential debate, he mentioned that Hillary Clinton had earmarked \$1 million in the Senate for a cultural museum in Woodstock, in upstate New York. McCain hadn't attended the festival in 1969: "I was tied up at the time."

He eventually found his way into politics, winning a U.S. House seat in Arizona in 1982 before moving to the Senate four years later. Investigated for his role in a savings and loan scandal, McCain was cleared of breaking any laws but was cited for bad judgment. Afterward, he gained attention crusading for campaign finance reform and against pork barrel projects.

He lost a bid for the 2000 GOP presidential nomination to George W. Bush, but became a staunch supporter of the Iraq invasion and the military surge that Bush mounted in 2007 to counter a spreading insurgency. He was one of Washington's foremost experts on military and national security matters, advo-

cating tough policies against Iran, Syria, Libya, Russia and other unfriendly governments.

His signature legislative achievement, a campaign finance reform package known as McCain-Feingold, became law in 2002, but a provision restricting corporations and unions from spending money on electioneering communications was struck down by the Supreme Court in 2010.

Joining with Democratic Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy in 2005, he made a valiant effort to enact comprehensive immigration reform—a crucial need that Congress has still not met. He proposed a "cap-and-trade" system to curb greenhouse gas emissions, defying Republicans who scorned climate change as a hoax.

The 2008 presidential campaign was not his finest hour. McCain, who had criticized Bush's tax cuts, came around to supporting them, and his commitment to fiscal restraint went missing. He chose a running mate, Sarah Palin, who was exposed as terribly unprepared for a national campaign, much less the vice presidency. When a huge financial crisis threatened to throw the economy into a full-fledged depression, McCain failed in a confusing, oddly passive effort to unite his party behind a solution.

But in the following years, he proved he could still play an

important role in the Senate. He was a critic of Obama's health care plan, the president's refusal to provide lethal military aid to Ukraine after Russia's invasion and his signing of a nuclear deal with Iran. But McCain was never one to spare Republicans: In June, he said American leadership in the world was stronger under Obama than it has been under President Donald Trump. When the Senate took up a measure to repeal the Affordable Care Act, McCain cast the decisive vote that saved it.

Unlike many of his GOP colleagues, he didn't shrink from criticizing Trump. The president's July news conference with Vladimir Putin in Helsinki, McCain charged, was "one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory." He took Trump's many fulminations against him as a badge of honor.

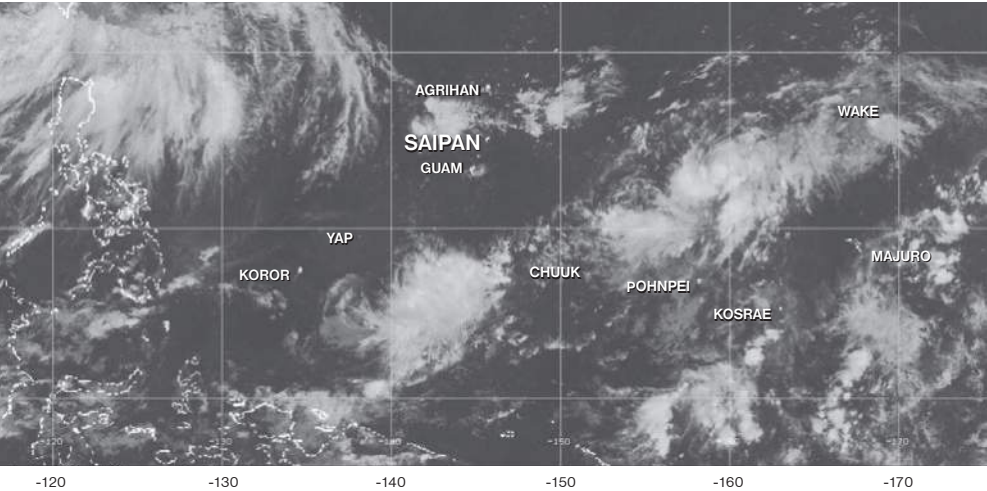
McCain was sometimes wrong, but he was fearless in fighting for the principles he held dearest. He will be remembered in many ways—as a war hero, a political maverick, a reformer and a staunch advocate for an assertive American role in world affairs. But he will be remembered most as a patriot.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:44 AM, MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

It looks as though we will have a couple more days of relatively dry weather. The wind will be fairly light but mid-levels are forecast to be dry. However, with the light wind, daytime convection is always a possibility but current thinking is the dry midlevels should be enough to keep prevent most thunderstorm activity. Wednesday looks to have the lightest winds, so may have to reassess around midweek. As we get toward the end of the week, a disturbance currently near Pohnpei will move northwestward. This disturbance is forecast to develop as it moves to the north of the Marianas. There is some difference in the models as to the exact track, with the GFS and NAVGEM being fairly close on a more northerly path and the ECMWF being further south but the main impact for our area looks to be increased clouds, a more southwest to west wind and possibly a better chance of rain. For now, have just gone with increased clouds and will wait to increase rain chances, if needed. Gentle wind will prevail through the week with only a small increase in easterly swell. However, that looks to be enough to cause rip current risk to rise to moderate, especially with the long periods.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	83° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	84° / 80°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	85° / 75°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	85° / 75°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Rain	61° / 48°	
Beijing	Sunny	90° / 68°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	84° / 81°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 77°	
London	Partly Cloudy	72° / 57°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	81° / 66°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	90° / 79°	
Melbourne	Sunny	57° / 39°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	88° / 80°	
New York	Mostly Sunny	96° / 79°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°	
Paris	Mostly Sunny	82° / 64°	
Busan	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°	
Rome	Sunny	88° / 63°	
Salem	Thunderstorm	89° / 72°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 57°	
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Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	88° / 75°	
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9:26 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.87	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:04 AM	6:32 PM
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Friday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:29 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	7:13 AM	7:50 PM
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
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SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
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				UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

China in struggle to curb reliance on US market, suppliers

BEIJING (AP)—Faced with plunging U.S. orders, surgical glove maker Ren Jiding is hunting for new markets amid Chinese government calls to reduce reliance on the United States. But none can absorb the 60 percent of his sales that went to American customers last year.

“Other countries import much less than the United States,” said Ren, a co-owner of Hongyeshangqin Medical Science and Technology Co., Ltd. in the eastern city of Zibo.

From medical products to smartphone chips to soybeans, Beijing is responding to President Donald Trump’s tariff hikes by pushing companies to trade more with other countries. But there are few substitutes for the United States as an export market and source of technology for industries including telecom equipment makers Chinese leaders are eager to develop.

Beijing has announced tariff cuts and other changes while rejecting U.S. demands



AP
In this Aug. 8, 2018, photo, a worker stands near a container ship at a port in Qingdao in eastern China’s Shandong Province.

in an email. “It is thus hard to see China’s leadership committing to significant changes.”

Trump has raised duties on a total of \$50 billion of Chinese imports including ultrasound scanners and industrial components that Washington says benefit from improper policies. China retaliated with similar penalties.

The U.S. is poised to raise duties on \$200 billion of imports including the gloves made by Ren’s company. Beijing has issued a list of American goods for retaliation.

The impact on China is “small and is containable, at least for the time being,” said Vincent Chan of Credit Suisse. He said the “worst case” outlook if all threatened U.S. tariff hikes go ahead would cut China’s growth by 0.2 percentage points this year and 1.3 percent in 2019.

Chinese leaders have tried to cushion the blow to their own economy by targeting American goods its importers can get from other countries — soybeans from Brazil, gas from Russia, cars from Germany and fish from Vietnam.

Beijing has promised to use revenue from the higher tariffs to help struggling exporters and has ordered banks to lend more freely to them.

Manager should redirect ‘catty’ work team into constructive discussion

Q: Recently, a group of employees met with me to complain about their supervisor. They unanimously stated that “Megan” shows favoritism and makes unfair decisions. Since they had not made her aware of these concerns, I agreed to have another meeting with Megan present.

Now I’m afraid that I might be making the situation worse. Based on past observation, I know this team can be catty and intimidating. I fear they will attack Megan during the meeting and put her on the defensive. Do you think I should speak with her beforehand and let her know what’s coming?

A: One question to consider is whether these troubles originate with Megan or the “catty and intimidating” team members. Lacking sufficient information to make that determination, however, I will give you the benefit of the doubt and assume your diagnosis is correct.

Instead of preparing Megan for an impending confrontation, I believe you should re-evaluate your plan. From Megan’s point of view, this encounter may seem like a public flogging, especially since upset employees tend to be highly critical. If she begins to feel resentful and defensive, her relationship with the team may deteriorate even further.

Also, by making Megan a target, you will be undermin-

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ing her leadership role. When managers have performance problems, the objective should be to provide feedback and coaching without neutralizing their position. Therefore, a better approach would be to privately share the team’s concerns with Megan, then let her take the lead in responding.

After agreeing on the necessary changes, you and Megan should meet with the team together. Establish ground rules for a constructive discussion; then turn the meeting over to her. Megan can summarize the issues, describe her improvement plan, and answer any questions. Your job is to keep the conversation positive and productive.

Going forward, you should continue to work with Megan on strengthening her leadership style. And you might also encourage her group to change their catty and intimidating ways.

Q: Whenever I discuss technical issues in staff meetings, one of my male coworkers always interrupts. He then proceeds to

reiterate exactly the same point that I was making. He never does this to any of the men on our team. I am usually stunned into silence by these interruptions, so I would like to know how to respond. Any ideas?

A: Men interrupting women is a very common phenomenon. Unfortunately, women often automatically stop speaking and just allow the guys to take control. But given that your colleague’s interruptions are both frequent and predictable, they shouldn’t leave you “stunned into silence.”

To combat these rude interjections, you need to be prepared with an appropriately assertive response. One option is to simply ignore the guy and continue with your comments, even if that feels uncomfortable. Another is to look directly at him and calmly state “Wait a minute, Bob. I need to finish what I was saying.” Then proceed to do exactly that.

If you consistently refuse to relinquish the floor, your ill-mannered coworker will eventually get the message and realize that he has to wait his turn.

to scale back plans such as “Made in China 2025,” which calls for state-led creation of Chinese champions in robotics, biotech and other fields. American leaders say those violate Beijing’s market-opening promises and might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

The response highlights the

cost the ruling Communist Party is willing to pay in lost sales and jobs to stick to plans that are fueling conflict with Washington, Europe and other trading partners.

“China sees its technology and industrial policies as fundamental to its growth,” Tianjie He of Oxford Economics said

States reconsider confidential deals in workplace harassment

Confidentiality agreements have come under fire during the #MeToo movement as one way abusive men have been able to hold on to their jobs, and keep harassing more women.

State lawmakers are listening. They introduced bills in at least 16 states this year to restrict the use by private employers of non-disclosure agreements in sexual harassment cases, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. They became law in six states: Arizona, Maryland, New York, Tennessee, Vermont and Washington.

Lawmakers in California also took action this past week, sending two bills to the governor. One, championed by actress Jane Fonda and former Fox News anchor Gretchen Carlson, would prohibit employers from requiring nondisclosure agreements related to sexual misconduct as a condition of getting or keeping a job.

The other would ban settlements in sexual harassment or discrimination cases that seek to keep the circumstances secret. It would apply to the private sector, government agencies and the Legislature.

Legal experts say it’s not

clear yet what effect such legislation will have on sexual harassment in the workplace. Some warned that the new laws could have unintended consequences.

Zelda Perkins, a former assistant to Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, has said confidentiality agreements like the one she signed don’t adequately protect victims. She left the company in 1988 after one of her colleagues told her Weinstein tried to rape her.

Former Fox News anchor Juliet Huddy, who agreed to keep the details confidential when she settled harassment claims against former host Bill O’Reilly, told NBC’s Megyn Kelly last year that signing such an agreement is “not necessarily the best move.” If more women knew others were being harassed, they might be better prepared to fight it, she said.

Among the new laws is one in New York, which says settlements for sexual harassment may not include a confidentiality provision unless the person who brought the complaint wants it that way. Arizona now allows victims of sexual misconduct to talk to police or testify in a criminal case even if they sign a non-

disclosure agreement.

The NCSL says Maryland, Tennessee, Washington and Vermont now also restrict non-disclosure agreements in employment contracts. Rhode Island Democratic state Rep. Teresa Tanzi sponsored a similar bill that she said was directly inspired by some of the infamous cases of harassment.

“This is how it was allowed to exist and perpetuate,” she said.

The Rhode Island bill ultimately failed.

Congress also targeted confidentiality agreements in the tax bill it passed late last year. It bars people from deducting confidential settlements with sexual harassment and misconduct victims as a business expense on their federal taxes.

A new Vermont law prohibits employers from requiring workers, as a condition of employment, to sign agreements preventing them from disclosing or reporting sexual harassment. It does not outlaw voluntary nondisclosure agreements in settlements.

Among those who pushed for the Vermont law was Lisa Senecal, who says she was harassed by an executive at a technology company in Stowe, Vermont, when she was seeking a job there.

Nation

Competitor: No one deserves to die over playing a videogame

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Marquis Williams and Taylor Poindexter at first thought they heard a balloon popping. When the loud bangs kept coming, the Chicago couple and fellow video gamers attending a weekend tournament recognized them as gunfire and began scrambling for an exit.

As he fled, Williams, 28, said, he could see the back of the gunman's head as the attacker appeared to be walking backward as he fired.

"We didn't see like a face," Poindexter, 26, told reporters a few hours after the attack, standing on crutches after spraining her ankle trying to escape. "We did see him with two hands on a gun, walking



Police gather after an active shooter was reported at the Jacksonville Landing in Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018. AP

The sheriff said Katz was attending the tournament in Florida. The "Madden" game's maker, EA Sports, lists a David Katz as a 2017 championship winner.

Authorities did not give a motive for the shootings.

"No one deserves to die over playing a videogame, you know?" said "Madden" competitor Derek Jones, 30, of Santa Fe, New Mexico. "We're just out here trying to win some money for our families and stuff."

Jones said he was sitting in a back patio outside the tournament venue when he heard the gunshots Sunday. He jumped a fence and ran, leaving behind his backpack and cellphone.

"You know, I'm glad I lost today," Jones said. "Because if I'd won, I would have been in that game bar right then playing a game and not paying attention. And he could have come and I'd probably be dead right now."

Jones said he knew Katz by the gamer tags he used online — often "Bread" or "Sliced

Replacing McCain in the Senate is political balancing act

PHOENIX (AP)—Sen. John McCain's death in office has handed Arizona's governor an empty Senate seat to give out—and a difficult political puzzle to solve before he does.

Arizona law requires only that Gov. Doug Ducey name a replacement who is a member of McCain's Republican party and who will fill the seat until the next general election in 2020. But in a state with a deeply divided Republican Party, where McCain was a towering but divisive figure, the choice is far more complicated.

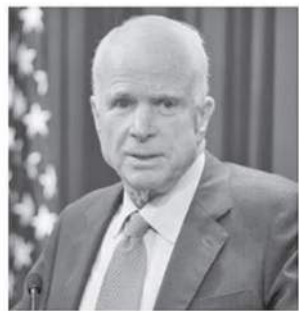
Ducey is balancing the demands of the many conservative Arizona Republicans who have soured on McCain due to his dovish immigration stance, criticism of President Trump and vote against a rollback of President Obama's health care law. They are wary of Ducey appointing a moderate. But naming someone with dramatically different views from McCain could be viewed as disrespectful to McCain's legacy, carrying its own risks. In either case, Ducey wants to set the party up to hold the seat two years from now, no easy task given the turmoil in his party.

The decision is under close scrutiny in Washington. While McCain has been treated for cancer in Arizona and unable to vote in Washington, his party's already narrow Senate majority had shrunk from two votes to one. With the confirmation of Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, scheduled for next month the GOP needs every reliable vote it can get. Ducey's office has heard from Vice President Mike Pence's aides about the choice, a person familiar with the discussions said Sunday.

John McCain's career highlights

Born: Aug. 29, 1936
Died: Aug. 25, 2018

John McCain was the senior United States senator from Arizona and the Republican presidential nominee in 2008.



Military career

- He became a naval aviator in 1960, and began service on the USS Intrepid and USS Enterprise in the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas.
- During the Vietnam War in July 1967, his plane went down, but he escaped with injuries to legs and chest.
- In October 1967 his plane went down again over North Vietnam where he broke both arms and one leg, and was held captive for more than 5 years in Hoa Lo Prison.

- After rehabilitation and physical therapy he resumed his flying duty in late 1974

- He retired from the Navy in 1981 with the rank of a captain.

Political career

- He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1982 and 1984.

- He was elected as the U.S. Senate from Arizona in 1986, and re-elected in 1992, 1998, 2004, and 2010.

- He ran for president in 2000 and 2008.

Source: Navy Heritage and History Command, Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress
Graphic: Staff, TNS

A day after McCain's death, political types from Arizona to Washington were buzzing with options. The senator's wife, Cindy McCain, was viewed as a possibility, as was former Sen. John Kyl and former McCain chief of staff, Grant Woods. Another group of former lawmakers and state officials were floated as middle-ground options—including Ducey's chief of staff Kirk Adams—who might not anger the right wing of the party.

"If he picks someone too far left, we're going to have a primary in two years," said Constantine Querard, a conservative Republican strategist.

Ducey himself faces a weak primary challenge from his right in the state's primary elections Tuesday, and spokesman Daniel Ruiz said on Sunday that the appointment will not be made until after McCain's funeral, which will likely be next week.

"Now is a time for remembering and honoring a consequential life well lived," Ruiz's statement said.

Doug Cole, a former McCain staffer and veteran Arizona strategist, said one of Ducey's key choices has to be whether he wants to name someone who wants the job for the long term. "Do I appoint a caretaker or do I appoint someone who will stand for election?" Cole asked. "Does he choose from the family?"

Some observers predict the governor will be solicitous to the McCain family's wishes. That's led to widespread speculation that Cindy McCain could be selected, likely under the assumption that she would not run for the seat in 2020. But Cindy McCain's politics are largely unknown.

back just popping rounds."

The couple said people trampled others in the panic to escape. They ran to a nearby restaurant, where workers were waving people inside, and hid in a bathroom until police arrived.

The deadly violence stunned gamers competing Sunday in Jacksonville during a "Madden NFL 19" video game tournament. Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams said the gunman killed two people and shot nine others before fatally shooting himself.

The competition was held in a gaming bar that shares space with a pizzeria. Viewers could watch the games online and see the players.

Williams said authorities believe 24-year-old David Katz of Baltimore carried out the attack using at least one handgun at the Jacksonville Landing, a collection of restaurants and shops along the St. Johns River. He said final confirmation of the suspect's identity was pending as the FBI in Baltimore aided in the investigation.

ACROSS THE NATION

Iowa college student Mollie Tibbetts remembered at funeral

BROOKLYN, Iowa (AP)—The father of the 20-year-old Iowa woman whose body was found in a cornfield last week wants people to remember her by "celebrating something wonderful"—not by the way she died. Mollie Tibbetts' father, Rob Tibbetts, urged the hundreds of people at his daughter's funeral on Sunday afternoon to remember her passion for life and her desire to help others. Her body was found last Tuesday after a suspect lead police to the field where her body had been since July 18. To highlight his call to celebrate "wonderful" things, Rob Tibbetts recognized a couple who had just married the day before during his eulogy inside the gymnasium at Brooklyn-Guernsey-Malcom High School. Tibbetts graduated from the school in 2017. "Today, we need to turn the page. We're at the end of a long ordeal," he said. "But we need to turn toward life—Mollie's life—because Mollie's nobody's victim. Mollie's my hero."

8 people, 6 of them kids, killed in Chicago apartment fire

CHICAGO (AP)—Eight people, including six children, were killed when a fire broke out before dawn Sunday at a Chicago apartment in one of the deadliest fires in the nation's third-largest city in years, officials say. Two other people were hospitalized in very critical condition, Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Merritt said. One of the children who died was an infant, according to Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago. "We have not had this in many, many, many years—this amount of fatalities and injuries in one location," he said. A makeshift memorial along a nearby sidewalk included crosses for each child who died—a small Mickey Mouse doll set next to one. The Rev. Clifford Spears of Saint Michael Missionary Baptist Church led a crowd that gathered in prayer, the Chicago Tribune reported. A candlelight vigil was planned for Sunday night. Officials had not released the names or ages of the victims, all of whom were in the same residence, Merritt said. The

cause of the blaze hasn't been determined.

Alabama man fined for touching endangered Hawaiian monk seal

LIHUE, Hawaii (AP)—An Alabama man was fined \$1,500 for touching a Hawaiian monk seal as well as harassing a sea turtle on Kauai, and then posting the videos on social media. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, said the Alabama resident, who was vacationing on Kauai last year, agreed to pay the fine, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported on Friday. NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement in Hawaii used the man's social media accounts to track down his home address. The Alabama man, in the video posted on Instagram with the hashtag #monkseals, walks up to a sleeping monk seal on Poipu Beach at night, and strokes it with his hand. The startled seal quickly turns toward him, and he runs away. The man panned his camera to a sign from the NOAA urging beachgoers to maintain a safe distance from wildlife.

The person was not authorized to discuss the matter and asked for anonymity.

Asia

China leader calls for ‘anti-separatism efforts’ in Tibet

BEIJING (AP)—A top Chinese leader has called for “advancing anti-separatism efforts” in Tibet, in a sign of continued high-pressure tactics in the Himalayan region.

Wang Yang, the ruling Communist Party’s No. 4 ranking official, was quoted Monday in state media as stressing the importance of tight control over Tibet’s Buddhist institutions, urging “preparedness and precautions for danger in times of safety.”

Religious figures must “be courageous to battle all separatist elements” in the name of preserving national unity and social stability, Wang was quoted as saying in Tibet’s regional capital of Lhasa during a visit there on Sunday.

Beijing’s forces occupied Tibet shortly after the 1949 communist revolution and security there has been ratcheted up significantly in the decade since anti-government protests spread through Tibetan areas in 2008.

The tactics in Tibet are largely aimed at reducing the influence of the region’s spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama,



An exile Tibetan woman knits woollen booties for children to sell by the roadside in Dharamsala, India, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

AP



ASIA BRIEFS

US strike kills Islamic State commander in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A U.S. strike over the weekend killed a senior Islamic State commander in eastern Afghanistan, Afghan and U.S. officials said Monday. The strike in Nangarhar province killed Abu Sayeed Orakzai, a senior leader in the extremist group, according to Shah Hussain Martazawi, deputy spokesman for the Afghan presidency. He said the operation showed the government’s “determination to fight terrorism.” Lt. Col. Martin O’Donnell, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Afghanistan, said American forces launched a counterterrorism strike in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday that targeted a “senior leader of a designated terrorist organization.” He did not provide further details. “These efforts target the real enemies of Afghanistan, the same enemies who threaten America,” he said. An IS affiliate that emerged in Afghanistan in 2014 has carried out scores of attacks targeting security forces and the country’s Shiite minority. Even with U.S. and NATO support, Afghan security forces have struggled to combat IS and the more well-established Taliban.

New PM Morrison tours Australia’s drought-stricken Outback

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia’s new prime minister visited the drought-stricken Outback on Monday in a demonstration that he had turned his focus away from his government’s internal drama to the problems of the nation. Prime Minister Scott Morrison nominated drought assistance as a top priority along with national security and economic growth when he was chosen by lawmakers in his conservative Liberal Party on Friday to replace his predecessor Malcolm Turnbull. Turnbull became the fourth prime minister to be dumped by his or her own party since 2010 in response to poor opinion polling. Morrison flew to rural western Queensland state, where crops are failing and ranchers are struggling to feed sheep and cattle after six years of drought. He has yet to announce any new initiatives to help farmers. Morrison is working to heal a bitter rift between conservative and moderate lawmakers in his conservative government to present a united front to voters at elections due by May. The hard-right lawmaker who led the charge against Turnbull but lost the leadership ballot to Morrison was sworn in as home affairs minister Monday.

who lives in exile in India. China claims Tibet has been part of its territory for more than seven centuries and regards the Dalai Lama as a dangerous separatist.

Many Tibetans insist they were essentially independent for much of that time.

Wang has broad responsibil-

ity for religious policy as head of the government’s top political advisory body. In his comments Sunday, he also echoed Beijing’s calls for the sinicization of religion, shorthand for adherence to the dictates of the officially atheist party.

Among recent tightening security measures in Tibet,

students were required to sign agreements to “not take part in any form of religious activity” during the summer school holidays.

Young Tibetan monks have also reportedly been forced to leave one of the biggest monasteries in a Tibetan region of western China as part of a

drive to replace monastic life with secular education.

Recent months have also seen sweeping crackdowns on traditional Muslim culture among the Uighur ethnic minority group in the northwestern region of Xinjiang and among Christians in eastern China.

Catholic priest says life in danger for criticizing Duterte

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Roman Catholic priest who was one of the earliest critics of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte’s deadly crackdown on drugs has gone into hiding due to what he says were signs he’s being targeted by motorcycle-riding hitmen.

The Rev. Amado Picardal said Monday that he has gone into a “more secure location” and out of the public view after workers in a Catholic monastery that he visits in central Cebu city reported seeing motorcycle-riding men watching the compound, including a pair who asked for his whereabouts.

“I couldn’t go out for biking, running, walking due to security concerns,” Picardal said in an email in response to questions about his safety concerns, which he first disclosed in a personal blog.

“I have left my hermitage in the mountain and transferred to a more secure location to continue my life as a hermit far away out of reach from the

death squad,” he said.

The 63-year-old priest said that he helped document alleged extrajudicial killings under Duterte’s campaign when Duterte was still mayor of southern Davao city and that he would continue criticizing the killings despite his safety concerns.

Picardal added that he is willing to testify if asked by the International Criminal Court, where a complaint against Duterte in relation to the drug killings is being examined.

Duterte has denied condoning killings under the crackdown, which according to official police pronouncements has left more than 4,500 suspects dead since he took office in mid-2016. International human rights watchdogs have cited far higher death tolls, which they said included innocent children and civilians.

The tough-talking president has often cited the killings and wounding of many policemen in anti-narcotics

raids as proof of the fatal risks that prompt law enforcers to open fire on drug suspects. Human rights groups, which have looked into some of the killings, however, have reported cases where policemen killed unarmed suspects but later made them appear to have violently resisted.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said Picardal should file for a so-called writ of amparo “if there’s basis for his fears,” referring to a high court petition that aims to protect the human rights of anybody who feels threatened by state forces.

Picardal gained public attention with his cross-country biking to protest the drug killings and promote peace talks with communist rebels.

When he was assigned in Davao, Picardal said he compiled a report on drug killings from 1998 to 2015, when Duterte served as mayor of the vast port city, and spoke for a nongovernment coalition that opposed extrajudicial killings

and helped the Commission on Human Rights investigate the deaths.

Duterte has said none of those investigations turned up any evidence against him. Picardal said the investigations failed to pin down Duterte then because witnesses against him “were scared to testify.” A number of witnesses linking Duterte to the killings, however, have turned up in Senate investigations after Duterte rose to the presidency, Picardal said, adding that he has helped provide sanctuary to former members of the so-called “Davao death squads” who may testify before the ICC.

“This is most likely one of the reasons that I am being targeted by the death squad,” Picardal said.

In an interview with The Associated Press in May 2016, Picardal recounted how he helped poor families bury young men killed by gunmen in Davao after being linked to illegal drugs.

World

Pope apologizes for 'crimes' against Irish women, babies

DUBLIN (AP)—Pope Francis issued a sweeping apology Sunday for the “crimes” of the Catholic Church in Ireland, saying church officials didn’t respond with compassion, truth or justice to the many children and women who were abused over generations.

Francis was interrupted by applause from the crowd of 300,000 as he read the apology out loud at the start of Mass in Dublin’s Phoenix Park, the largest gathering of his two-day trip. It was a response to the tens of thousands of Irish children sexually and physically abused at Catholic Churches, schools and workhouses, and the women who were forced to live and work in laundries and give up their children if they got pregnant out of wedlock.

“We ask forgiveness for those members of the hierarchy who didn’t take responsibility for this painful situation, and who kept silence,” Francis said. “May the Lord keep this state of shame and compunction and give us strength so this never happens again, and that there is justice.”

Hundreds of kilometers (miles) away, a few hundred somber protesters marched through the Irish town of Tuam and recited the names of a 796 babies and young children who died at a Catholic-run orphanage there, most during the 1950s. The children were buried in a mass grave in a septic area of the grounds.

“Elizabeth Murphy, 4



Pope Francis celebrates Mass at the Phoenix Park in Dublin, Ireland, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018.

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months. Annie Tyne, 3 months. John Joseph Murphy, 10 months,” the protesters said.

With his weekend visit to Ireland, Francis became the first pope to visit the predominantly Catholic country in 39 years, and the first since the truth of Ireland’s Catholic abuses began to come to light in the 1990s. He told the hundreds of thousands of people who turned out for Mass that he met Saturday with victims of all sorts of abuses: sexual,

labor and religious.

Responding to a plea from the children forcibly put up for adoption, the pope assured their aging mothers that it wasn’t a sin to look for the children taken from them so long ago. For decades, church officials told the women just the opposite.

“It was painful, painful for me” to learn of this betrayal by the church, Francis told reporters afterward. He said he felt “consolation of having helped clarify these things.”

One forced adoptee who met with the pope, Clodagh Malone, said Francis was “shocked” at what the group told him and “he listened to each and every one of us with respect and compassion.”

Survivors said the Argentine pope understood well their plight, given Argentina’s own history of forced adoptions of children born to purported leftists during its 1970s military dictatorship.

“That is a big step forward for a lot of elderly women,

particularly in the countryside in Ireland, who have lived 30, 40, 50, 60 years in fear,” another adoptee, Paul Redmond, told The Associated Press. “That would mean a lot to them.”

The abuse scandal has devastated the church’s reputation in Ireland since the 1990s and exploded anew in the United States with reports of misconduct among the U.S. hierarchy.

The American church’s scandal took a new twist Sunday, when two conservative

Catholic news outlets, the National Catholic Register and LifeSiteNews, published an 11-page missive from the former Vatican ambassador to the U.S. Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano.

He accused Vatican officials of knowing about the sexual escapades of ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick since 2000, but making him a cardinal anyway. And he accused Francis of knowing since 2013, and of rehabilitating him despite sanctions that were imposed on him in 2009 or 2010.

Francis accepted McCarrick’s resignation as cardinal last month after a U.S. church investigation determined an accusation he molested a minor was “credible.”

Francis declined late Sunday to confirm or deny Vigano’s report, telling journalists to judge for themselves. “I will not say a word.”

In Tuam, meanwhile, survivors of the Bon Secours Mother and Baby Home lit candles and placed hundreds of pairs of tiny shoes around a tiny white coffin at the site near a sewage area on the grounds where the babies and children were buried.

Irish government-appointed investigators reported last year that DNA analysis of selected remains confirmed the ages of the dead ranged from 35 weeks to 3 years old and were buried chiefly in the 1950s.

The Tuam home, which was run by an order of Catholic sisters, closed in 1961.

Iran lawmakers fire finance minister as economic woes mount

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran’s parliament voted Sunday to fire the country’s finance minister amid an economic freefall fanned by America’s withdrawal from the nuclear deal with world powers, dealing another blow to President Hassan Rouhani’s embattled administration.

It’s unlikely that parliament’s dismissal of Masoud Karbasian will staunch the bleeding with Iran’s rial currency falling to new lows against the U.S. dollar as chronically high unemployment and inflation haunt the country.

However, it shows Iran’s Shiite theocracy’s growing recognition of the anger felt across the country of 80 million, which has seen months of sporadic protests challenging it.

“Over the last year since you became the minister, the dinner table of the people has shrunk to the point

of invisibility,” conservative lawmaker Hosseinali Hajideligani of Isfahan told Karbasian during the legislative hearing. “The purchasing power of the people has dropped down at least by 50 percent. You have made the people poorer every day.”

A narrow majority of 137 lawmakers in the 260-seat parliament voted to fire Karbasian, an Iranian economist who became the country’s finance minister in August 2017 after Rouhani won re-election. He replaced Ali Tayebnia, who served as finance minister for the entirety of Rouhani’s first four-year term.

Karbasian sought to defend himself, saying that America had “targeted our entire economy and social fortifications.”

“America is seeking to block the country’s economic vessels to put people under pressure and stir dissatisfaction,” he told lawmakers. “They are after

hitting the government and ruling system. You should believe that we are at an all-out economic war.”

Yet even reformist lawmakers who often back Rouhani, himself a relatively moderate cleric within Iran’s government, lashed at out at Karbasian.

“What have we done? What have we done to this people?” reformist lawmaker Elias Hazrati of Tehran asked at one point. “Why should the people suffer from this situation? What is the people’s fault?”

Karbasian’s dismissal comes after lawmakers similarly dismissed Rouhani’s labor minister, Ali Rabiei, earlier this month. But while Rabiei served since the beginning of Rouhani’s administration, Karbasian only joined a year ago as the nuclear deal looked increasingly precarious amid U.S. President Donald Trump’s constant criticism of the accord.

Italy: Catholic leaders reject politics at migrants’ expense

ROME (AP)—Italy’s Catholic bishops offered to care for a majority of 140 migrants the country’s government had prevented from leaving an Italian coast guard ship docked for days in a Sicilian harbor because politics shouldn’t be practiced at the expense of the poor, prominent churchmen said Sunday.

Cardinal Gualtiero Bassetti, president of the Italian bishops’ conference, told Italian state TV the bishops worked with Italy’s Interior Ministry “in a spirit of collaboration” to help end the stalemate over where the asylum-seekers the coast guard ship rescued would go.

Parishes will care for some 100 migrants, while Albania and Ireland each will accept about 20 under an arrangement announced late Saturday night by Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte. The majority of the migrants were disembarked

from the Diciotti at a dock in Catania early Sunday.

The ship rescued 190 migrants on Aug. 16, most of them young men fleeing harsh rule in Eritrea, and docked in Catania four days later. Anti-migrant Interior Minister Matteo Salvini refused to let passengers who were not minors or ill off the ship until fellow European Union nations volunteered to take the asylum-seekers.

Except for Ireland, none did. Albania is not an EU member, and Cardinal Bassetti expressed appreciation to leaders there and in Ireland, which Pope Francis was visiting over the weekend. Francis, who as pope also is the bishop of Rome, has used his papacy to stress the need for society to care for migrants and others in need.

On Sunday, Bassetti urged more “involvement by Europe, but also by the whole world” in addressing the needs

of migrants and refugees.

In separate comments, another bishops’ conference official, the Rev. Ivan Maffei, told Sky TG24 TV that the Italian churchmen got involved because “you can’t do politics on the backs of the poor.”

A government office that safeguards the rights of people who have been detained determined last week that the migrants were being kept on the ship unjustly and without proper authorization. A Sicily-based prosecutor formally notified Salvini on Saturday he was being investigated for suspected abduction, illegal arrest and abuse of office.

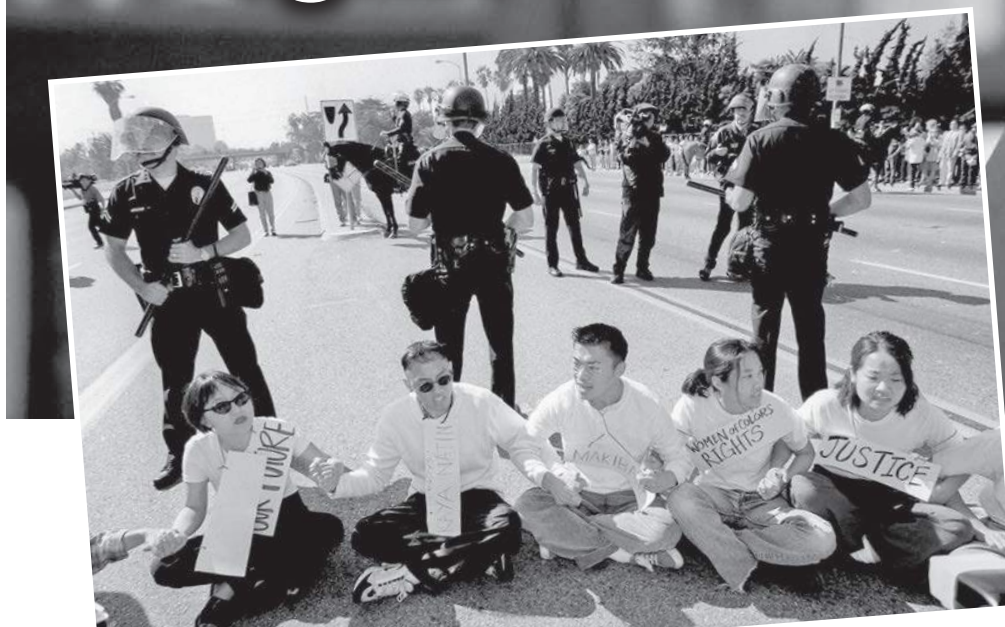
Any prosecution of Salvini would be handled by a special tribunal for government ministers, and Salvini’s fellow senators would have to vote on whether to lift his Parliamentary immunity if the case progresses.

Focus

Race-based school criteria roils Asian-Americans —again



In this July 20, 2018, photo, Chinese-American lawyer Lee Cheng poses for photos in Santa Ana, Calif. Cheng sued the San Francisco Unified School District in 1994 to overturn its cap on Chinese students at Lowell High School.



This Oct. 23, 1996, file photo shows UCLA students surrounded by Los Angeles Police officers as they sit on Wilshire Blvd. during an anti-ballot Proposition 209 protest in front of the Federal Building in the Westwood section of Los Angeles. Proposition 209 was a California ballot proposition which, upon approval in November 1996, amended the state constitution to prohibit state governmental institutions from considering race, sex, or ethnicity, specifically in the areas of public employment, public contracting, and public education. Asian-Americans have been divided over affirmative action for decades.

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By JANIE HAR
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Time and again, Chinese-American students consistently delivered top academic scores, only to be denied admission to their dream school. Parents bemoaned what they saw as an unfair racial advantage given to black and Latino children while their own children were overlooked.

“Every year hundreds of Chinese-American parents would be in anguish,” said Lee Cheng, a 46-year-old intellectual property attorney, who sought to end the practice. “I remember the disappointment in some of my friends who were the kids of immigrants, of very, very poor people who worked in Chinatown.”

This may sound like the fights going on today over testing in elite public schools in New York City or lawsuits against prestigious universities such as Harvard over affirmative action.

But the scenario played out more than three decades ago on the other side of the country over a public high school, demonstrating the enduring nature of a controversy in which Asian-Americans have played a key role despite some feeling shut out of the broader conversation.

In the 1980s, San Francisco’s prestigious Lowell High School required Chinese applicants to score higher on an admissions index than whites, blacks and even other Asians as part of a legal mandate to diversify its schools.

Cheng, a Lowell graduate, couldn’t believe that was fair or even legal. But when he turned to Asian-American civil rights groups, they were of no help.

“These organizations, which all came of age largely as the ‘yellow’ affiliates of the NAACP and civil rights establishment, they said, ‘Hey there’s nothing to see here,’” Cheng said.

So he helped form a legal foundation and sued.

Race-based affirmative ac-

tion has long polarized Asian-Americans, with critics feeling demonized and advocates chagrined by the attention to what they call minority-within-minority views.

Now, critics of the policy sense an opening for change, led by a White House hostile to the idea of considering race in admissions.

The U.S. Department of Justice is backing a 2014 lawsuit against Harvard University by Asian-American applicants, who say the Ivy League college unlawfully suppresses the number of Asians admitted. The DOJ also said last year it would investigate a May 2015 complaint filed against Harvard by a coalition of Asian-American groups.

The 2014 lawsuit, led by conservative strategist Ed Blum, is being closely watched as it goes to trial in October. It could wind up before a more conservative U.S. Supreme Court that only narrowly affirmed the use of race in school admissions in a case

that Blum lost two years ago.

Other cases have raised the ire of Asian-Americans, even ones who consider themselves progressive allies. In 2009, the University of California plowed ahead with new admissions criteria that analysts said would boost white enrollment at the cost of Asian students.

More recently, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio vowed to get more blacks and Latinos into specialized public high schools where Asians make up the bulk of students. Asian-American politicians said they were blindsided by the June announcement.

New York Assemblyman Ron Kim, a Democrat, said conservatives pigeonhole Asians as the “model minority,” but progressives on the left, such as de Blasio, vilify Asian-Americans instead of seeing them as partners.

“They rank us at the bottom of what it means to be a minority. They don’t consider us as minorities,” Kim said. “They’re shunning us from right and left, and we’re stuck in this dreadful space where we’re always questioning ourselves: Where do we belong?”

Advocates of affirmative action say bias against Asians doesn’t make it OK to abandon policies meant to counter longstanding systemic disparities. The agitation also side-steps the legacy of privilege given whites, they say.

“No one is entitled to put other communities down,” says Vincent Pan, co-executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action in San Francisco. “Of course we are entitled to be free of discrimination, but we are not entitled to perpetuate discrimination against others.”

Surveys have shown broad Asian support for affirmative action policies, says Karthick Ramakrishnan, a public policy professor at the University of California, Irvine and founder of AAPI Data, which provides data on Asian-Americans.

But overall support dropped to below two-thirds in 2016, he said, driven by changing attitudes of one demographic in particular: Asian America’s largest ethnic group, Chinese-Americans.

In 2012, 78 percent of Chinese-Americans said they supported race-based affirmative action; in 2016, the figure was 41 percent.

Ramakrishnan says the newer immigrants moving public opinion are active on Chinese-language social media. They are wealthier and better educated than previous generations.

“They look down upon prior waves of Chinese immigration as well as other Asian immigration,” he said. “They somehow believe that the most significant racial discrimination that exists is not

getting into Harvard.”

The Asian American Coalition for Education, the nonpartisan organization that filed the complaint against Harvard, disputes the surveys as vague.

Swan Lee, a founder of the organization, said she got involved after the brother of her daughter’s friend was rejected by what she described as basic four-year colleges despite his high test scores and grades.

He ended up employed as a waiter at the Chinese restaurant where his father worked, a victim of the “Asian tax,” she said.

“I said, ‘This cannot be right.’ We came here for opportunities, but this young man, our society is not doing him justice,” says Lee, who moved to the United States in 1996 for graduate school. “What happened to his American dream?”

After Cheng graduated from Harvard, he helped found the Asian American Legal Foundation and sued San Francisco schools in 1994.

At issue was a 1983 consent decree aimed at desegregating San Francisco schools, the result of a lawsuit filed by the local NAACP. The parties agreed to settle in 1999, and the quota system was eventually dropped.

Cheng recalls the fight as a lonely one.

“We never really wanted to be the leaders in the fight,” he said. “It’s just that nobody wanted to do it.”

Overdrive

2018 Ford Expedition

hauls ahead of full-size SUV competition

TNS
The redesigned 2018 Ford Expedition isn't as posh as the Lincoln Navigator, but it balances truck-based capability with interior refinements better than full-size SUVs such as Chevy Suburban, Nissan Armada and Toyota Sequoia.

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The difference between the 2018 Ford Expedition and the best-of-year 2018 Lincoln Navigator is the difference in having an extra \$20,000.

At \$70,000, the redesigned Expedition can't be called a poor man's Navigator. The full-size SUV nicely balances its truck-based capability with family-hauler refinement.

Despite basic similarities, Expedition doesn't have the finest touches of the Navigator, yet it outdoes the Chevy Suburban, the Nissan Armada and all of Toyota's aged behemoths.

It's not as intimidating on the road as the F-150 on which it is based, from the broader fascia on the outside to the quiet cabin on the inside.

While the Navigator has a 450-horsepower twin-turbo V-6, the 2018 Expeditions are powered by a 400-horsepower turbocharged V-6 engine with a 10-speed automatic trans-

mission in all-wheel drive. It accelerates with the quickness of a full-size SUV, though it's quieter than some mid-size SUVs we've tested, even with the panoramic sunroof. The 10-speed was smooth and smart, sometimes staying in the efficient high gear while cruising on the highway or coasting into a distant stop light. We averaged about 23 mpg at 62 mph, which is exceptional for a full-size SUV. In addition, the powertrain churns out 480 pound-feet of torque for what Ford calls best-in-class towing capability of 9,200 pounds in AWD.

We didn't test the towing in our week with the 2018 Expedition in Limited trim, but we tried out the pro-trailer backup assist during the 2018 Chicago Auto Show. It simplifies the counterintuitive backing up of a trailer, where you have to turn the wheel left to get the trailer to go right. You don't use the steering wheel at all; put it in reverse, push a dial on

the center stack, then follow the guidance lines on the split screen backup camera. Turn the dial right and the trailer will go to the right. It's like a video game. Unlike the steep learning curve of traditional backing up of a trailer, it can be learned on the first attempt.

The tester in second-best Limited trim came with other advanced technology, such as the \$3,030 driver assistance package with adaptive cruise control and lane-keeping assist. Adaptive cruise worked well even down to a stop, but there were times the lane keeping veered drunkenly from one edge of the lane to the other. On straight roads it was good for about 20 seconds at a time.

With all the technological innovations and upgrades, the fourth-generation Expedition should come with something better than Sync3. At the very least, a screen larger than 8 inches to match the general largeness of the vehicle. It's like a GameBoy screen in an

arcade. Sync3 isn't all that bad once you get beyond the reliance on the small and cramped touch screen. The voice commands are excellent, as is the navigation, though we wish we could've figured out how to avoid splitting the teeny tiny screen when there is an upcoming directional change. Please, Ford, either make the screen bigger or let us access

more info through the steering wheel controls in the expansive instrument cluster.

Behind the cockpit there are six seats for six people. Putting three adults in the third row would be good only for a gag, but for the team or the family, there is ample room, six USB ports and plenty of cup holders.

Limited trim comes with power folding 60/40 seats in the third row, and power folding 40/20/40 seats in the second row for six different seating configurations. We had three tweens in the mid-row seats with enough room to avoid any bickering. The same midrow seats slide and tilt forward to accommodate child safety seats; the passage to the third row is about as large as it gets. Make sure to get the tip-and-slide seat to click in its most forward position, otherwise getting it back in place might require some pulls, pushes, presses, grunts and a curse or two to get it right. We should have just

used the power button until it went "click." That same power button is easy to access and use from the third row.

2018 Lincoln Navigator outdoes Cadillac Escalade as most refined family hauler

Cargo area is 5 cubic feet more than the Escalade and most other GM full-sizers except for the Chevy Suburban. There's plenty of space for the team, unless you're filling every seat and the gear.

Is the Expedition Limited worth \$20,000 less than Navigator, or about the same amount more than the base trim? It's a big chunk of change for a big vehicle, and it's the best deal out there until GM redesigns its massive fleet, expected for model year 2020.

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2018 Ford Expedition Limited at a glance

- **Vehicle type:** Full-size SUV
- **Base price:** \$52,130
- **As tested:** \$68,960 (excluding \$1,195 destination)
- **Mpg:** 17 city, 22 highway, 19 combined
- **Engine:** 3.5-liter turbo V-6
- **Transmission:** 10-speed automatic
- **Rank:** Lincoln Navigator, Ford Expedition, Nissan Armada, Chevy Suburban, Cadillac Escalade, Toyota Sequoia.

UNDER THE HOOD:

How fuel injection works

By **BRAD BERGHOLDT**
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Q: I was having a conversation about cars with my 14-year-old son, and the topic of fuel injection came up. He wanted to know how it works, and I began to tell him but then realized I was talking out of my a-- and managed to change the subject. Could you help me out? I hope to revisit this with him after getting my facts straight.

— Dean L.

A: Fuel injection has evolved through the years

from mechanical systems to a variety of electronically operated (EFI) systems.

EFI systems employ an electric fuel pump, typically within the fuel tank, to move fuel to the engine at about 40-50 PSI. Fuel pressure is accurately managed by either a mechanical regulator or by altering the electrical commands to the pump. More recent direct fuel injection systems boost fuel pressure significantly further at the engine with a mechanical pump to pressures as high as 3,000 PSI.

Fuel injectors are an electrically operated valve—a shower head of sorts—and are

accurately pulsed for perhaps 2 to 50 milliseconds each time that cylinder's intake valve opens, or the piston reaches a certain position. This broad range of pulse width allows accurate fuel delivery under a wide range of conditions.

As a rule, the greater the engine load (power desired), the longer the squirt. As the engine is cranked to start or operated cold, increased pulse width is also required. Older/traditional EFI systems injected fuel into the intake manifold ports (multiport EFI) while more recent systems inject fuel directly into the combustion chamber (direct injection) at very high pressure and in a variety of pulse strategies. Direct in-

jection increases performance and fuel economy by perhaps 20 percent. Diesel engines have used direct injection and its predecessor, indirect injection, for many moons.

An assortment of sensors are used to measure crankshaft and camshaft position, engine and air temperature, engine airflow and/or manifold pressure, throttle position and exhaust composition, among others, so just the right air-fuel mixture and ignition timing can be computed and commanded. Monitoring the exhaust oxygen level allows trimming (adjusting) fuel delivery in compensation for factors the upstream sensors couldn't see such as engine

wear, a dirty air filter, or less than par fuel pressure, to name a few. The powertrain control module (PCM) manages all this, striving to deliver the best balance of power, fuel economy, low emissions, and durability. The PCM also manages diagnostic monitoring of components, circuits and performance, and it lists helpful diagnostic trouble codes along with driver notification (the check engine light) as potential problems arise.

Fuel injection is only one of the many jobs performed by the PCM. Other systems it manages are the ignition system, emission control system, variable valve system, turbocharger, electronic throttle, variable

intake system, transmission, air conditioning compressor, charging system, among others. It's the seamless integration of all these functions that delivers the amazing performance we have come to know. Back in the carburetor days it required five or six liters of engine to deliver 350 horsepower, whereas today a two-liter engine can do the same without belching emissions, wasting fuel and running poorly when cold.

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Life & Style

NEW YORK (AP)—Playwright Neil Simon, a master of comedy whose laugh-filled hits such as “The Odd Couple,” “Barefoot in the Park” and his “Brighton Beach” trilogy dominated Broadway for decades, has died. He was 91.

Simon died early Sunday of complications from pneumonia at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan, said Bill Evans, a longtime friend and spokesman for Shubert Organization theaters.

In the second half of the 20th century, Simon was the American theater’s most successful and prolific playwright, often chronicling middle class issues and fears. Starting with “Come Blow Your Horn” in 1961 and continuing into the next century, he rarely stopped working on a new play or musical. His list of credits is staggering.

The theater world quickly mourned his death, including Tony Award-winning actor and playwright Harvey Fierstein, who tweeted that Simon “could write a joke that would make you laugh, define the character, the situation, and even the world’s problems.”

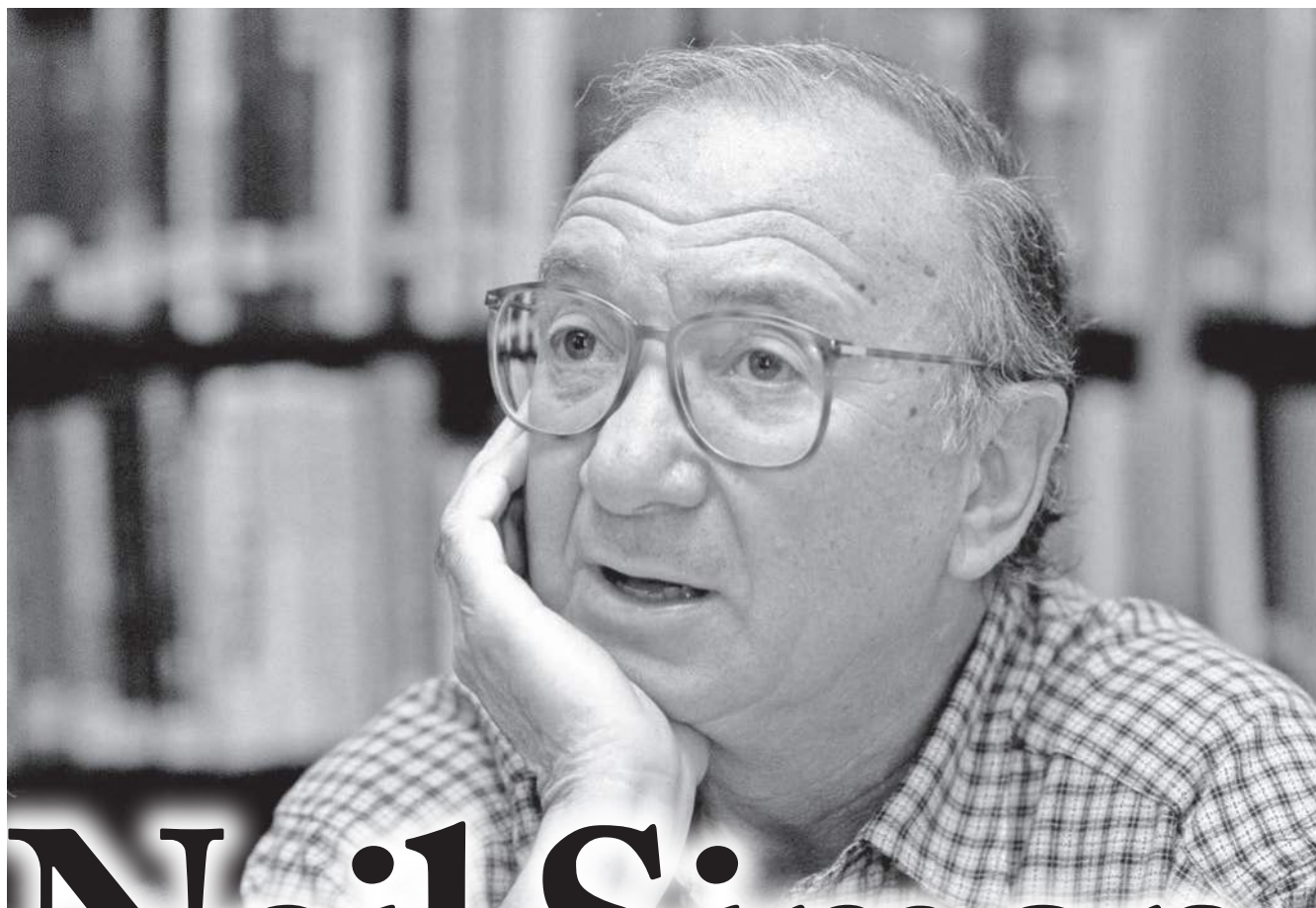
Matthew Broderick, who in 1983 made his Broadway debut in Simon’s “Brighton Beach Memoirs” and his movie debut in Simon’s “Max Dugan Returns,” added: “I owe him a career. The theater has lost a brilliantly funny, unthinkably wonderful writer. And even after all this time, I feel I have lost a mentor, a father figure, a deep influence in my life and work.”

For seven months in 1967, he had four productions running at the same time on Broadway: “Barefoot in the Park,” “The Odd Couple,” “Sweet Charity,” and “The Star-Spangled Girl.”

Even before he launched his theater career, he made history as one of the famed stable of writers for comedian Sid Caesar that also included Woody Allen, Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner.

Simon was the recipient of four Tony Awards, the Pulitzer Prize, the Kennedy Center honors (1995), four Writers Guild of America Awards and an American Comedy Awards Lifetime Achievement honor. In 1983, he had a Broadway theater named after him when the Alvin was rechristened the Neil Simon Theatre.

In 2006, he won the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, which honors work that draws from the American experience. The previous year had seen a popular revival of “The Odd Couple,” reuniting Nathan Lane and Matthew



Neil Simon, Broadway’s master of comedy, dies at 91

Broderick after their enormous success in “The Producers” several years earlier.

In a 1997 interview with The Washington Post, Simon reflected on his success: “I know that I have reached the pinnacle of rewards. There’s

no more money anyone can pay me that I need. There are no awards they can give me that I haven’t won. I have no reason to write another play except that I am alive and I like to do it,” he said.

Simon had a rare stumble

in the fall of 2009, when a Broadway revival of his “Brighton Beach Memoirs” closed abruptly after only nine performances because of poor ticket sales. It was to have run in repertory with Simon’s “Broadway Bound,” which

was also canceled.

The bespectacled, mild-looking Simon (described in a New York Times magazine profile as looking like an accountant or librarian who dressed “just this side of drab”) was a relentless writ-

Broadway and Hollywood figures mourn the death of Neil Simon

NEW YORK (AP)—Tributes are pouring in from actors, fellow playwrights and other celebrities for Neil Simon, the American theater’s most successful and prolific playwright in the second half of the 20th century.

Simon, whose Broadway classics include “The Odd Couple” and “The Sunshine Boys,” died Sunday at age 91. Here are some of the reactions to his death:

“It was my great good fortune that my very first Broadway play was written by Neil Simon. He also wrote my first film. I owe him a career. The theater has lost a brilliantly funny, unthinkably wonderful writer and even after all this time I feel I have lost a mentor, a father figure, a deep influence in my life and work.”

— **Hollywood and Broadway actor Matthew Broderick**, who in 1983 made his Broadway debut in Simon’s “Brighton Beach Memoirs” and his movie debut in Simon’s “Max Dugan Returns.”

“Neil Simon will always

be one of my theatrical heroes and I am so proud to have played a small part in his unparalleled career and remarkable legacy. My heartfelt condolences to his wife Elaine and the entire Simon family.”

— **Broadway actor Nathan Lane**, who starred in three Broadway shows by Simon: “Broadway Bound,” “Laughter on the 23rd Floor” and “The Odd Couple,” in a statement.

“He could write a joke that would make you laugh, define the character, the situation, and even the world’s problems. First time I met him he looked at me and said, ‘Where the hell did they find you?’ What a gent.”

— **Tony Award-winning actor and playwright Harvey Fierstein**, via Twitter.

“Neil Simon, you wrote every character for me, you just didn’t know it at the time. Thank you. Rest in Hilarity.”

— **Broadway star Jackie Hoffman**, via Twitter

“Neil Simon brought a unique eye for life to stage and screen. Through sharp

characters and dialogue, he prodded us—in laughter and tears - to contend with the traits that make us human. Another voice who understood the power of art in our American story now belongs to eternity.”

— **TV journalist Dan Rathner**, via Twitter.

“There is no American comedy writer whose work isn’t influenced by the rhythm and music of Neil Simon’s words.”

— **Bill Prady**, executive producer of the hit TV sitcom “The Big Bang Theory,” via Twitter.

“I am deeply sad and hurting with the news of Neil’s passing. He was a great talent and man, husband and father. With his passing his plays and work live on and will be enjoyed by many generations to come. I will miss him deeply and always.”

— **Actress and ex-wife Marsha Mason**.

“Neil Simon was a great writer of comedy. He defined an era of theater in this country and can’t be replaced.”

— **Playwright David Adjmi**, via Twitter.

“To say that #NeilSimon was one of the primary influences on my life and career would be an understatement. His work, as both a participant and audience, has defined and shaped me on my own journeys and career trajectory. RIP to another lost legend.”

— **Broadway and TV actor Josh Gad**, via Twitter.

“If you write comedy, if you write period, you learned something from Neil Simon. A truly great American storyteller. RIP.”

— **Randi Mayem Singer**, who co-wrote the film “Mrs. Doubtfire,” via Twitter.

“The most famous playwright in American history has died. From humble beginnings in the Bronx, Neil Simon defined a generation of comedy and reflection on what it means to be human. He was an extraordinary writer and force in the world of theater. Thank you, Neil.”

— **Actress Mayim Bialik**, via Twitter.

AP
In this Sept. 22, 1994, file photo, American playwright Neil Simon answers questions during an interview in Seattle, Wash.

er—and rewriter.

“I am most alive and most fulfilled sitting alone in a room, hoping that those words forming on the paper in the Smith-Corona will be the first perfect play ever written in a single draft,” Simon wrote in the introduction to one of the many anthologies of his plays.

He was a meticulous joke smith, peppering his plays, especially the early ones, with comic one-liners and humorous situations that critics said sometimes came at the expense of character and believability. No matter. For much of his career, audiences embraced his work, which often focused on middle-class, urban life, many of the plots drawn from his own personal experience.

“I don’t write social and political plays because I’ve always thought the family was the microcosm of what goes on in the world,” he told The Paris Review in 1992.

Simon received his first Tony Award in 1965 as best author—a category now discontinued—for “The Odd Couple,” although the comedy lost the best-play prize to Frank D. Gilroy’s “The Subject Was Roses.” He won a best-play Tony 20 years later for “Biloxi Blues.” In 1991, “Lost in Yonkers” received both the Tony and the Pulitzer Prize. And there was a special achievement Tony, too, in 1975.

Simon’s own life figured most prominently in what became known as his “Brighton Beach” trilogy—“Brighton Beach Memoirs,” “Biloxi Blues” and “Broadway Bound”—which many consider his finest works. In them, Simon’s alter ego, Eugene Morris Jerome, makes his way from childhood to the U.S. Army to finally, on the verge of adulthood, a budding career as a writer.

Simon was born Marvin Neil Simon in New York and was raised in the Bronx and Washington Heights. He was a Depression-era child, his father, Irving, a garment-industry salesman. He was raised mostly by his strong-willed mother, Mammie, and mentored by his older brother, Danny, who nicknamed his younger sibling, Doc.

Simon attended New York University and the University of Colorado. After serving in the military in 1945 and 1946, he began writing with his brother for radio in 1948, and then for television, a period in their lives chronicled in Simon’s 1993 play, “Laughter on the 23rd Floor.”

Gentle humor was the lifeblood of playwright Neil Simon

NEW YORK (AP)—When master playwright Neil Simon accepted the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in 2006, he was visibly nervous. But his gentle humor was evident.

"It took me six years to write my first play," he said, recalling that he found the title for "Come Blow Your Horn" from one of his daughter's nursery rhyme books. He said it turned out to be "a so-so play" that was turned into "a so-so movie" with Frank Sinatra.

But it was successful enough that Simon considered calling his subsequent works "The Sheep's in the Meadow" and "The Cow's in the Corn."

"For the first time," he said, "I had money in the bank. Yes, sir, yes sir, three bags full!"

Simon, who died Sunday at 91, was a meticulous joke-smith, peppering his plays, especially the early ones, with one-liners and humorous situations that critics said sometimes came at the expense of character and believability.

No matter. For much of his career, audiences embraced his work, which often focused on middle-class, urban life, many of the plots drawn from his own personal experience. His characters battled depression, alcoholism and loneliness.

Simon's stage successes included "The Odd Couple," "Barefoot in the Park," the "Brighton Beach" trilogy, "The Prisoner of Second Avenue," "Last of the Red Hot

Lovers," "The Sunshine Boys," "Plaza Suite," "Chapter Two," "Sweet Charity" and "Promises, Promises." Many of his plays were adapted into movies and one, "The Odd Couple," even became a popular television series.

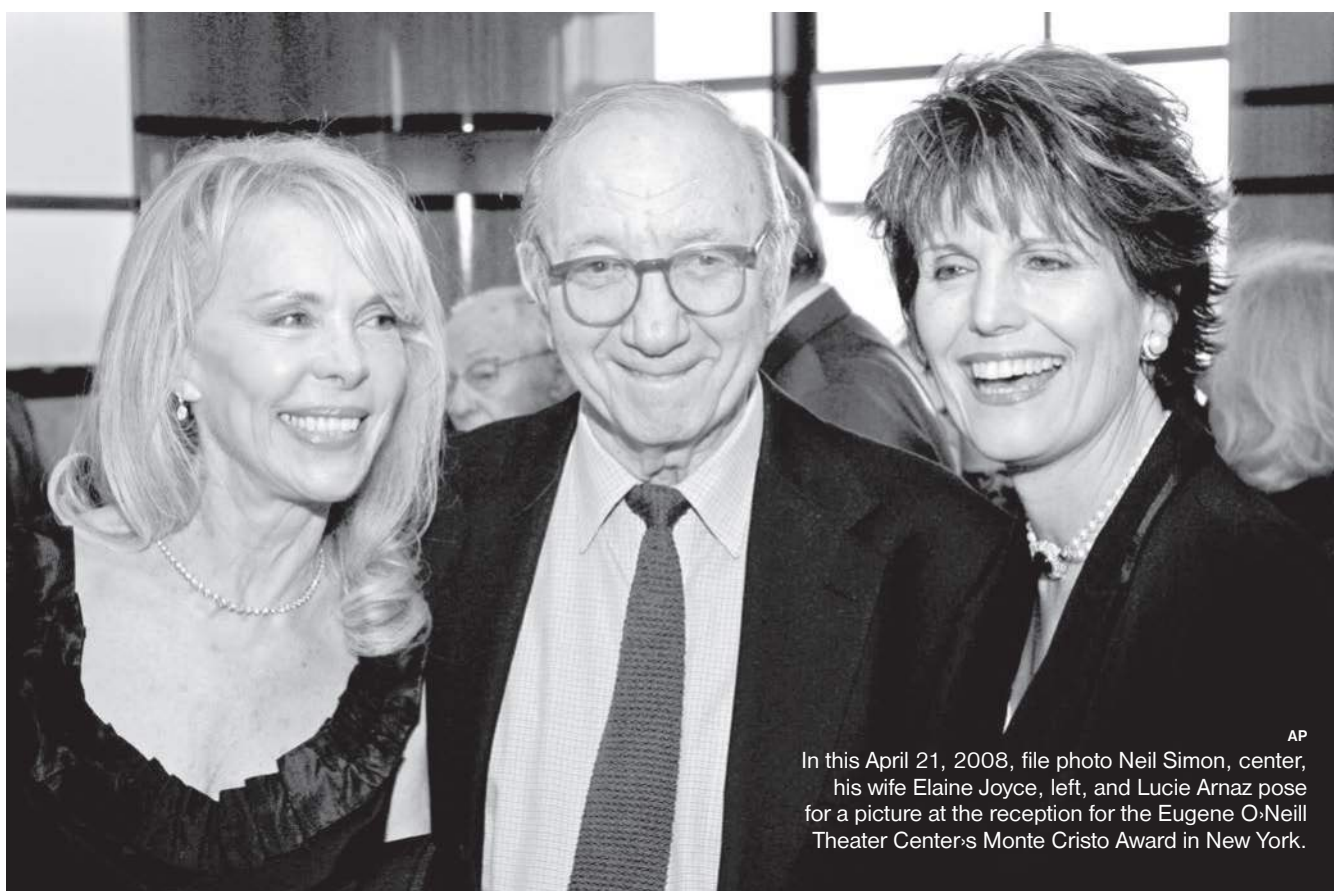
For seven months in 1967, he had four productions running at the same time on Broadway: "Barefoot in the Park," "The Odd Couple," "Sweet Charity" and "The Star-Spangled Girl."

Simon's ability to recognize life's little annoyances—too many pillows piled on a sofa, being told as a kid you may not eat any more cookies—connected with audiences. A scene in "The Odd Couple" when Felix Unger passively-aggressively leaves a note on Oscar's pillow—"We're all out of Corn Flakes. F.U."—got huge laughs.

The loss of Simon was especially hard for playwrights and screenwriters. Randi Mayem Singer, who co-penned the film "Mrs. Doubtfire," mourned Simon as a "truly great American storyteller."

"If you write comedy, if you write period, you learned something from Neil Simon," Singer said.

Kristoffer Diaz, a Pulitzer Prize finalist, took to Twitter to remember an icon: "In a different life, I would have loved to have been my generation's Neil Simon. I'm sad that we don't have that kind of voice." And "Big Bang Theory" cre-



AP
In this April 21, 2008, file photo Neil Simon, center, his wife Elaine Joyce, left, and Lucie Arnaz pose for a picture at the reception for the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center's Monte Cristo Award in New York.

ator Bill Prady wrote that "there is no American comedy writer whose work isn't influenced by the rhythm and music of Neil Simon's words."

Simon was the recipient of four Tony Awards, the Pulitzer Prize, the Kennedy Center honors (1995) and, in 1983, he even had a Broadway theater named after him when the Alvin was rechristened the Neil Simon Theatre.

The bespectacled, mild-looking Simon (described in a New York Times magazine profile as looking like

an accountant or librarian who dressed "just this side of drab") was a relentless writer—andrewriter.

"I am most alive and most fulfilled sitting alone in a room, hoping that those words forming on the paper in the Smith-Corona will be the first perfect play ever written in a single draft," Simon wrote in the introduction to one of the many anthologies of his plays.

Simon's own life figured most prominently in what became known as his "Brighton Beach

trilogy—"Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues" and "Broadway Bound"—which many consider his finest works. In them, Simon's alter ego, Eugene Morris Jerome, makes his way from childhood to the U.S. Army to finally, on the verge of adulthood, a budding career as a writer.

Simon originally started as a radio and TV writer with his older brother, Danny. Yet Simon grew dissatisfied with television writing and the network restrictions that accom-

panied it. Out of his frustration came "Come Blow Your Horn," which centered on two brothers (not unlike Danny and Neil Simon) trying to figure out what to do with their lives. The comedy ran for more than a year on Broadway.

But it was his second play, "Barefoot in the Park," that really put Simon on the map. Critically well-received, the 1963 comedy, directed by Mike Nichols, concerned the tribulations of a pair of newlyweds, played by Elizabeth Ashley and Robert Redford, who lived on the top floor of a New York brownstone.

Simon cemented that success two years later with "The Odd Couple," a comedy about bickering roommates: Oscar, a gruff, slovenly sportswriter, and Felix, a neat, fussy photographer. Walter Matthau, as Oscar, and Art Carney, as Felix, starred on Broadway, with Matthau and Jack Lemmon playing the roles in a successful movie version. Jack Klugman and Tony Randall appeared in the TV series, which ran on ABC from 1970 to 1975. A female stage version was done on Broadway in 1985, and a TV series revival was done in 2015 starring Matthew Perry.

Besides "Sweet Charity" (1966), which starred Gwen Verdon as a goodhearted dance-hall hostess, and "Promises, Promises" (1968), based on Billy Wilder's film "The Apartment," Simon wrote the books for several other musicals, including "Little Me" (1962), featuring a hardworking Sid Caesar in seven different roles, and "They're Playing Our Song" (1979), which had music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Carole Bayer Sager.

Burning Man organizers stress the importance of consent

RENO, Nev. (AP)—The #MeToo movement is making its way to Burning Man.

Organizers are reminding attendees that just because the counter-culture festival in the Nevada desert is known for occasional nudity and kinky landmarks like the "Orgy Dome," it doesn't mean it's

a free-for-all when it comes to touching or nonconsensual sex, the Reno Gazette Journal reported. This year's event started this weekend.

While the festival doesn't have official guidelines, it does have a set of informal rules.

Tex Allen, a 13-year Burner, doubts many newcomers to

the playa are reading those.

The festival's on-site Sexual Assault Services department receives five and 20 reports of alleged sexual assault each year, said Burning Man spokesman Jim Graham.

Many of those reports involve leering or grabbing, which aren't considered sexu-

al assault under Nevada law. A few reports each year require involvement from law enforcement.

Last year, two people were arrested on suspicion of sexual assault without substantial bodily harm.

No arrests related to sexual assault or rape were made the year before.

Despite the low arrests, Donna Rae Watson, director of the Bureau of Erotic Discourse, a large camp at Burning Man that teaches people about sex, still hears stories of harassment at the festival from dozens of people each year.

"Scandalous costumes and nudity might be considered inviting. (Others) automatically think consent is implied, but implied consent doesn't exist," she said.

The organization is doing more to educate participants about consent, what it means and what it applies to.

Watson said her group was founded in 2005 after a woman was sexually assaulted at the festival the previous year.

The camp, which is not a part of the Burning Man organization, tapes posters inside port-a-potties that define consent.

The group also passes out buttons with slogans such as "Consent is sexy" and "However you dress, wherever you go, yes means yes and no means no."

The camp has begun to visit other camps, especially those that host large dance parties, and teach them about consent.

This year, ticketholders received an email reminding them that consent is needed not just for sex but for any kind of touching, gifting (including food and drink) and photography.

In recent years, many Burners have adopted consent as the 11th principle along with their other 10 principles that include self-expression and immediacy.

"Our purpose is to bring consent front and center and incorporate it into the ethos of the culture, where boundaries are respected and our bodies are respected," Watson said.



AP
In this Aug. 30, 2014 photo, a couple stands inside a love sculpture at Burning Man on the Black Rock Desert of Gerlach, Nev.

With minuscule drop, 'Crazy Rich Asians' is No. 1 again

NEW YORK (AP)—The opening weekend for "Crazy Rich Asians" was historic. Its second weekend was even more impressive.

The romantic comedy sensation slid just 6 percent from its chart-topping debut to again lead the box office with \$25 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. Almost as many people turned out over the weekend for "Crazy Rich Asians" as they did for its opening Friday-to-Sunday bow—an unheard of hold for a non-holiday release. Drops of close to 50 percent are common for wide releases.

But propelled by enthusiastic reviews and an eagerness for a major Hollywood film led by Asian stars, "Crazy Rich Asians" is showing almost unprecedented legs. After opening last weekend with \$35.3 million from Wednesday to Sunday and \$26.5 million over the weekend, the Warner Bros. release—the first Hollywood studio movie in 25 years with an all-Asian cast—has already grossed \$76.8 million.

The adaptation of Kevin Kwan's bestselling novel, starring Constance Wu and Henry Golding, was helped by weak competition. STX Entertainment's critically slammed R-rated puppet caper "The Hap-

pytime Murders" debuted with \$10.1 million, a career-low wide release for star Melissa McCarthy. The robot-dog fantasy "A.X.L.," from the beleaguered Global Road Entertainment, flopped with \$2.9 million.

But the talk of the weekend was the sustained success of "Crazy Rich Asians," which grossed approximately the same from one Saturday to the next.

"I've been telling my team that Big Foot sightings are more common than zero percent Saturday drops," said Jeff Goldstein, distribution chief

for Warner Bros.

Goldstein noted that after a 44 percent Asian-American audience over opening weekend, that percentage fell to 27 percent on the second weekend while Caucasian and Hispanic ticket buyers grew. "The audience is broadening," he said.

The remarkable hold left many in Hollywood searching for comparisons. While such slim drops or second-week increases regularly happen over holiday weekends, you have to go back to the likes of "The Sixth Sense" (-3.4 percent in August 1999) and "The Fugitive" (-5.6 percent in August 1993) to find something similar.

There are a few other stray examples of movies that held so well without adding substantially more theaters like "Brother Bear," "Puss in Boots" and "Mother's Day," but that's about it. Even "The Help," which also opened mid-August,

slid 23.1 percent in 2011 on its way to \$169.7 million domestically and four Oscar nominations including best picture—a path that's not out of the question for "Crazy Rich Asians."

"There's no greater indicator of the enthusiasm of an audience than a minimal drop in a second weekend," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. "This isn't the product of opening-weekend hype. This is the product of a great movie resonating very strongly with all

audiences. The movie has become a cultural phenomenon."

"Crazy Rich Asians" also expanded internationally, though with a more muted effect. It grossed an estimated \$6 million in 18 markets, including \$1.8 million on 105 screens in Singapore, where much of the movie is set. "Crazy Rich Asians" hasn't yet been granted a release in China, where Disney's "Ant-Man and the Wasp" opened over the weekend and collected \$68 million, pushing its global gross to \$544.1 million.

1. "Crazy Rich Asians," \$25 million (\$6 million international).	4. "Mission: Impossible—Fallout," \$8 million (\$13 million international).	7. "Alpha," \$5.6 million (\$6.7 million international).
2. "The Meg," \$13 million (\$32.7 million international).	5. "Christopher Robin," \$6.3 million (\$5.9 million international).	8. "BlackKkKlansman," \$5.3 million (\$5.6 million international).
3. "The Happytime Murders," \$10 million (\$1.2 million international).	6. "Mile 22," \$6 million (\$5.7 million international).	9. "A.X.L.," \$2.9 million.
		10. "Slender Man," \$2.8 million (\$5.8 million international).

Fan charged after rushing onstage at Beyonce, Jay-Z concert

ATLANTA (AP)—Police say they are pursuing more charges against a man who rushed onstage during a Beyonce and Jay-Z concert in Atlanta.

Atlanta Police officer Lisa Bender told The Associated Press that 26-year-old Anthony Charles Thomas Maxwell ran on stage, approached Jay-Z and made contact with him as the "On the Run II" concert was ending Saturday night. Police say Maxwell was quickly

stopped by security people and backup dancers with the rapper.

Beyonce's spokeswoman Yvette Noel-Schure says the singer and Jay-Z are fine.

Bender says Maxwell was initially issued a citation for disorderly conduct and released, but police have added a charge of simple battery. He was treated for minor injuries, and Bender says there were no other injuries.

It wasn't immediately clear if Maxwell has a lawyer.

Insider Q&A: AT&T entertainment exec on future of video

NEW YORK (AP)—David Christopher, who runs AT&T's wireless and entertainment businesses, has a bird's eye view of how streaming media and video are evolving.

AT&T recently completed its \$85 billion purchase of Time Warner, a deal designed to help traditional media companies compete better with nimble tech services such as Netflix. Soon after the deal closed, AT&T launched WatchTV, a \$15-a-month streaming service that offers more than 30 TV channels, including Time Warner channels TNT and TBS.

The Associated Press spoke with Christopher about how people are consuming media and what role wireless companies play. Remarks have been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Why do you think customers will choose Watch TV over

other TV packages?

A: There's no "one size fits all" anymore for video. Video is increasingly very personal and we think Watch TV is a great fit for many customers that want a smaller bundle of content.

Q: How else can AT&T use the Time Warner content?

A: There are lots of opportunities that we envision to drive innovation on behalf of consumers. You could have the ability to share a portion of a TV show that you thought was really funny or really impactful. You could have the ability to create a personalized news channel, or the ability to follow a particular athlete or star with personalized video coming right to your phone.

Q: How are people's viewing habits evolving?



Christopher

A: There's a dramatic shift toward digital and a dramatic shift toward mobile. The number of hours people are watching linear television is dropping. The number of hours on mobile and digital is rising. It's particularly true among young audiences. It's less about only watching on your big screen and much more about watching what's specific to you on a more personal device.

We think those trends will continue and will be augmented by other technology, like augmented reality, mixed reality, virtual reality. Much more mobile consumption, much more consumption of other ancillary devices. It's why we are excited about the combination of our mobile network plus content.

Q: What about the state of the broadband and wireless industry?

A: It's a great time to be a consumer in the U.S. Video demand is driving up consumption dramatically, and costs are declining rapidly. According to Recon Analytics, the cost per megabyte has fallen from \$1.37 in 2007 to less than a third of a cent in 2017. In the next five years people are going to be consuming more premium content than today, not less. And it's going to be happening more and more over mobile.

When you step back and look at the advent of 4G, people couldn't envision how ubiquitous Airbnb, Uber, Spotify and other things we live our lives by would become. That same thing is true for (the upcoming, faster) 5G, so it's an exciting brand new world.

Friend goes to bat with boss and wins co-worker a raise

DEAR ABBY: I have reached a crossroads with my career. I used to love my job. I play an important role at my company, and I'm good at what I do. Long term, it provides job security. However, the pay is subpar, and my recent request for a raise was denied. I haven't received a raise in several years. I couldn't get a straight answer about the denial. I was told it wasn't my work performance.

I have started looking elsewhere, and I have several interviews scheduled. All of them will give me a \$15,000-per-year salary increase over what I currently make for doing what I do. I wasn't asking that much for a raise, not even close.

But what makes this difficult is my co-workers. They are devastated at the thought of me leaving. One of them, someone I'm fairly close to, was so angry he went to our boss himself without my knowledge. I don't know what he said, but he got me a raise, albeit a very small one.

However, my heart is set on leaving. While I appreciate his going out on a limb for me, I now feel "obligated" to stay. Abby, I'm having a hard time with this. Can you help?

MOVING ON IN THE EAST

DEAR MOVING ON: Have a private conversation with the friend who went to bat for you. Tell him you appreciate

what he did, but when your boss refused the raise you asked for—after several years of no increase at all—you realized you were no longer valued by the company. Explain that when you went job-hunting you were offered far more than you have been earning, and this will be a step up for you. It doesn't have to mean the end of your relationship with him or the others who care about you. It might stimulate him to go job-hunting, too.

DEAR ABBY: Years ago I was sexually assaulted by a friend of a friend. I'll call the man Pete and the friend Katie. I immediately told Katie about it, and we didn't hang out with Pete much after that. Life went on, and I forgot about it.

I recently learned that Katie is engaged to Pete now. They are living in another state, and she asked for my address so she can send me an invitation to their wedding. I'm not planning on attending, but how should I tell her I'm not coming? We haven't been close in years, but she was a bridesmaid in my wedding. Should I just send the RSVP card back with a "no," or should I let her know upfront?

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DEAR CAUGHT: I assume that after Katie marries the

DEAR ABBY

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"friend" who sexually assaulted you, your relationship will be over. While you may have repressed the memory until now, I find it hard to believe that all three of you had an attack of amnesia. There's no need to contact her at this point to remind her of what her fiancé is capable of. Just say no. If she contacts you to ask why, explain it to her then.

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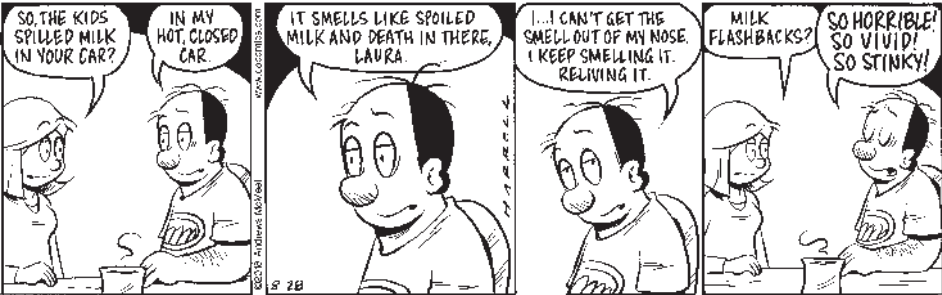
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Yesterday's answer 8-28

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Florence Welch, 32; Armie Hammer, 32; Jack Black, 49; Shania Twain, 53.

Happy Birthday: You can turn things around this year by taking action. It's now time to reap the rewards that come with learning your lessons and using experience to get ahead. Engage in talks and participate in events that will broaden your outlook. You will make a dent in your bucket list. Travel, partnerships and building equity are favored. Your numbers are 5, 16, 20, 28, 33, 37, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a moment to assess a situation. Knowing all the particulars and searching for a positive response will help you make the right choice. Relationships take patience, work and dedication. An act of affection will enhance your personal life. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Strive for perfection in all that you do. Learn from experience. Take hold of an idea or plan and follow through. Change will make a difference in the way you move forward and how you live life. Embrace new beginnings with enthusiasm. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Only share what's relevant. Giving someone information about your personal life or finances isn't necessary and may jeopardize your chance to get what you want. Friendly gestures and chitchat will hold someone's interest and can lead to an interesting opportunity. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Expand your interests. Hone your skills and turn a project into something exciting and meaningful. How you approach work, hobbies or

your personal responsibilities will make a difference. Show a little creativity and do things that emphasize your talent. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can think big and make plans, but when it comes right down to the nitty-gritty, you should take baby steps and budget seriously. You can get a lot accomplished without going into debt if you do the work yourself. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take part in functions that promote business opportunities. An unusual partnership will develop if you engage in conversations with people from different backgrounds. An interesting point of view will lead to new ideas and beginnings. Don't mix business with pleasure. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Personal problems should be handled discreetly. Refuse to let someone from your past disrupt your life. Stick to a tight budget, regardless of what others do. The only changes you should make are those that will add to your stability. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your insight and ability to turn an idea into a masterpiece will make some people jealous and others proud of you. Don't worry about negative comments. Do your own thing; unexpected benefits will come your way. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your head down and do your best to finish what you start. Don't let anyone use emotional tactics to guilt you into taking on a responsibility that doesn't belong to you. Use diplomacy when warding off users. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Handle personal matters carefully. Someone will pry into your affairs. A change you make at home should be made for the right reason. Do your best to add stability to your life, don't disrupt what you've worked so hard to build. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Careful what you spend your money on. Someone will take advantage of you if you are gullible. Don't purchase products or services that profess to do the impossible. Do ample research before you make a move. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Trust in yourself, your ability to get things done and your intuition. Walk away from anyone trying to belittle you or make you feel as if you don't know what you are doing. Make your own opportunities. ***

Birthday Baby: You are disciplined, steadfast and ambitious. You are helpful and insightful.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Last Friday's Answer

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DeChambeau wins FedEx Cup playoff opener



PARAMUS, N.J. (AP)—To his right was the silver trophy Bryson DeChambeau won Sunday at The Northern Trust, a victory that felt comfortable to everyone but him. To his left was the silver FedEx Cup trophy, a reminder of the ultimate prize in the PGA Tour season.

Missing was the gold Ryder Cup trophy.

DeChambeau took a giant step toward playing for that, too.

“Like I said yesterday, I’m a man on a mission right now—two missions, actually,” DeChambeau said after a four-shot victory in the opening FedEx Cup playoff event. “One being the Ryder Cup and one being the FedEx Cup. I’m doing pretty well right now and just got to keep moving forward in the right direction.”

That was the only direction his game went in a final round devoid of much drama.

Staked to a four-shot lead, DeChambeau never let anyone closer than two shots, ended the threat with consecutive birdies and closed with a 2-under 69 to win by four shots over Tony Finau, who also had the Ryder Cup on his mind.

DeChambeau never felt entirely in control until he stabbed at a chip short of the 12th green—a shot he had worked on all week and used that one time—that rolled out to 4 feet for a birdie that turned back his only threat.

His only wild shot was on the 18th hole, sending his drive so far to the right that landed in the fairway of a hole that wasn’t being used at Ridgewood Country Club. He still had a good angle to the green, made par and finished at 18-under 266.

He won for the second time this year, both against some of the strongest fields. He moved to the top of the FedEx Cup standings and is virtually assured of being one of the top five seeds at the Tour Championship who have a clear shot at the \$10 million bonus.

Also on his mind is playing



for no money at all at the Ryder Cup.

DeChambeau narrowly missed earning one of the eight automatic spots for the U.S. team when he missed the cut at the PGA Championship. Jim Furyk makes three of his four captain’s picks a week from Tuesday, and it will be tough to ignore a 24-year-old Californian with victories at the Memorial and a FedEx Cup playoff event.

“Hopefully he can see that I’ve got some grit and grind, and that even when I don’t ex-

ecute certain shots, I can get it done,” DeChambeau said.

DeChambeau, who stayed on the practice range until it was dark Saturday night, came out firing with two straight birdies to stretch the lead to six shots. His only mistakes were a pair of three-putt bogeys on the front nine, the second one at No. 9 that reduced his lead to two shots over Aaron Wise.

But not for long.

Wise’s threat ended with a bogey on No. 16, about the time DeChambeau got up-and-down with that chip from

just short of the reachable par-4 12th for birdie.

No one got any closer the rest of the way.

Finau also made a strong statement about a captain’s pick. Furyk invited Finau to join a small group of Americans who played Le Golf National the weekend before the British Open. He was playing with Furyk at the PGA Championship when Finau tied a tournament record with 10 birdies in the second round.

And while he stared five shots back on a course where

^{AP}
Bryson DeChambeau holds up the trophy after winning the Northern Trust golf tournament, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, in Paramus, N.J.

the greens were as firm as they have been all week, Finau closed with a 68 to finish alone in second. Finau cracked the top 20 in the world (No. 18) for the first time in his career.

“If I’m in the conversation, this doesn’t hurt my chances, I don’t believe,” Finau said. “I had a solid week all around. My game feels good and I feel confident. Whatever his decision is, I’ll be ready to play

Tiger Woods, coming off a runner-up finish at the PGA Championship, never got anything going. He closed with a 70 and tied for 40th, 14 shots

out of the lead.

Billy Horschel (68) and Cameron Smith (69) tied for third.

Ryan Palmer also felt like a winner. He came into the FedEx Cup playoffs at No. 100—the top 100 advance to the second stage next week at the TPC Boston—and Palmer delivered a 65 on Sunday highlighted by a wedge he holed for eagle on the par-5 third hole. He tied for fifth, along with Wise (67) and Adam Scott (69), and moved all the way to No. 50.

Dustin Johnson’s only consolation was four birdies over the final four holes for a 68 that enabled him to stay No. 1 in the world by the narrowest of margins over U.S. Open and PGA champion Brooks Koepka.

Woods can’t overcome poor putting, again

PARAMUS—Perhaps the best way to sum up Tiger Woods’ performance at The Northern Trust is to say that one of his worst 72-hole performances of the year was really not that bad at all.

Woods ended his first FedEx Cup playoff event in five years Sunday at Ridgewood Country Club pretty much the way it began, unable to explain poor putting and a dearth of birdies while shooting a 1-under-par 70 that left him just inside the top 40.

“Just the way it goes,” Woods said. “You have good weeks and you have bad weeks. The greens, sometimes they look good to you. Sometimes they don’t. All of my good putts, basically, went in at Bellerive [two weeks ago at the PGA Championship] and the bad putts lipped out. This week, the good putts lipped out and the bad ones didn’t have a chance. That’s the way it goes.”

That’s probably the best way to look at the situation for Woods, who struggled earlier this year with putting issues and made an equipment change before the Quicken Loans National that resulted in three top-six finishes in five tournaments.

Woods, 42, is unlikely to make a putter switch this week, despite ranking 79th out of the 80 players who made the 36-hole cut in strokes gained putting. Once again, he had numerous opportunities, with nine birdie putts inside of 20 feet, including three inside 10 feet, that did not go in.

But for all the putts that did not drop, and despite finishing when the leaders were teeing off Sunday, Woods played the final 36 holes with

just a single bogey and made only five for the week. He drove the ball the best he has all year after a tweak to his driver shaft and loft.

For the week, Woods hit 52 of 72 greens and ranked third in strokes gained, approach to the green. He was 18th in strokes gained off the tee, including fourth on Sunday.

And Woods would much rather be dealing with putting issues than ballstriking problems as he heads into the second FedEx playoff event, the Dell Technologies Championship, which begins Friday at TPC Boston.

Two weeks ago, Woods missed every fairway on the front nine at Bellerive and hit just five during the final round yet still shot 64. The feeling remains that shooting low scores is not sustainable when he is off the fairway so often, and Woods made adjustments to his driver—changing shafts and going from 8.5 degrees to 9.5 degrees—and immediately saw improved accuracy.

“I played a lot better than my score indicates,” he said. “I didn’t make any birdies this week [nine total]. I didn’t putt well, and at the end of the day, I found a piece of my game that has been missing, which is driving it well. But you have to make putts. That’s the only way we’re going to shoot low rounds. I didn’t do it this week.”

In 15 tournaments in 2018, Woods has missed two cuts, and this was his second-worst 72-hole finish, surpassed only by a tie for 55th at the Wells Fargo Championship in May. It was the fourth time he finished outside the top 30 against five top-10 finishes.

Blake Griffin opens performance facility at Oklahoma



N O R M A N , Okla.—Blake Griffin stood inside the new performance center on the campus where he once starred and knew this project went far beyond him.

The former Oklahoma star was on hand Saturday for the dedication of the Griffin Family Performance Center. Griffin, the AP Player of the Year in 2009, made the

largest donation ever from a Sooner basketball player. The school would not disclose the amount.

“I’m a little overwhelmed right now,” the Detroit Pistons forward said. “I just can’t find the words.”

The school’s Board of Regents agreed to name the \$7 million facility for Griffin, but he wanted his family included. Griffin said his brother, former Sooner Taylor Griffin, helped

with the planning.

“There was a rendering early on that was the Blake Griffin Performance Center, and I hated it,” he said. “It made me feel weird just because my whole lives, my brother and I have been supported by my parents. They are the ones driving us to practice, working two jobs to make sure we had the things we needed—shoes, uniforms, all that. This whole thing, again, has been a group effort.”

Griffin and the Pistons will train at the facility before their Oct. 3 preseason game against the Oklahoma City Thunder. It includes basketball training courts, free weights and areas for stretching, cardiovascular training and strength testing. There are locker rooms, an exam and recovery area and a fueling station. The approximately 16,000 square-foot addition has been in use the past two months.

Rays take 8th straight victory, sweep Red Sox



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.
(AP)—Blake

Snell had his best fastball and that was more than enough against baseball's best team.

The All-Star lefty pitched two-hit ball over six innings and the Tampa Bay Rays won their eighth straight game Sunday, beating Boston 9-1 to hand the major league-leading Red Sox their first sweep of the season.

"There was a lot of energy today," Boston manager Alex Cora said, "but the guy on the mound sucked it up."

Snell (16-5) allowed one run and struck out eight. He has given up no more than one earned run in 14 consecutive starts at home, and he has a 1.08 ERA in four outings against the Red Sox this year.

"I almost have to tell myself to wake up over there. He's so good I feel like I don't even have to do much," Rays third baseman Matt Duffy said. "I'm just kind of chillin' over there. I've got a really good seat for the game. When he pitches I go, 'OK, wake up, the ball might come your way—if they make contact with it.'"

Boston (90-42) has lost six of eight and was outscored 24-5 in the three-game set.

Duffy had three hits and drove in two runs for the surprising Rays, who completed their first undefeated homestand of more than one series. They won all seven games against the Royals and Red Sox, and are nine games above .500 (70-61) for the first time since June 2015.

"For us to do it against Kansas City and then Boston, the best team in the league right now, to be able to do that to them says a lot about our team," Snell said. "I'm excited to be in this clubhouse with these guys."

Red Sox starter Nathan Eovaldi, acquired from the Rays in a July 25 trade, gave up hits to the first three batters he faced and fell behind 2-0.

Kevin Kiermaier's two-run triple was the fourth hit off Eovaldi in a three-run third that left Tampa Bay with a 5-0 lead.

Blue Jays 8, Phillies 3

In Toronto, Kendrys Morales became the seventh player in major league history to homer in at least seven consecutive games, going deep in the third inning of the Toronto Blue Jays' 8-3 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday.

Morales hit a two-run shot off Vince Velasquez, his 21st homer of the season. He has a chance to equal the major league record of homers in eight consecutive games, shared by Ken Griffey Jr., Dale Long and Don Mattingly.



Nationals 15, Mets 0

In New York, Trea Turner set off a lively dugout celebration after scoring a run that ended Washington's 32-inning scoreless drought and then the Nationals really went wild at the plate, hammering New York.

The Nationals had been shut out in three straight games—for the first time since the team moved from Montreal to Washington in 2005—before Juan Soto's RBI groundout in the sixth.

Yankees 5, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Luke Voit went 3 for 3 with a two-run homer to help Luis Severino earn his major league-leading 17th victory, and New York completed a four-game sweep.

Rookie Miguel Andujar also had three hits and two RBI for New York. The Yankees have won eight of nine to move within six games of first-place Boston in the AL East, the closest they've been since Aug. 1.

Severino (17-6) allowed four hits and two earned runs in 5 2/3 innings, striking out eight. David Robertson worked the ninth for his fourth save.

Indians 12, Royals 5

In Kansas City, Jason Kipnis hit an inside-the-park homer and finished with four RBI, Edwin Encarnacion added a

two-run shot and Cleveland beat Kansas City to snap a four-game skid.

Kipnis rounded the bases for his two-run homer in the ninth inning, when his high flyball to right field bounced off the top of the wall and into no-man's land. It was his second career inside-the-park job and the second for the Indians this year.

Cubs 9, Reds 0

In Chicago, Kyle Hendricks allowed two hits in seven innings, David Bote and Kyle Schwarber homered and Chicago beat Cincinnati to complete a four-game sweep.

Jason Heyward went 4 for 4 with a triple and drove in two runs for the NL Central-leading Cubs. Bote added two hits and three RBI.

Hendricks (10-10) struck out five and walked one. He has given up two runs in his last 14 innings.

Cardinals 12, Rockies 3

In Denver, Matt Carpenter tied a St. Louis record with four doubles, pitcher Austin Gomber had a two-run infield single in a six-run first inning, and the Cardinals routed Colorado.

Carpenter matched a franchise mark that Joe "Ducky" Medwick set on Aug. 4, 1937, against the Boston Bees (now

Braves). Carpenter doubled twice in the first, had another in the third and lined his fourth in the seventh on a day when St. Louis pounded out 16 hits. The first baseman wound up 4 for 5 with two RBI.

Athletics 6, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Matt Chapman homered twice, Jed Lowrie drove in three runs with a homer and double, and Oakland's bullpen preserved an effective outing by call-up Chris Bassitt in a 6-2 victory over Minnesota.

Oakland maintained at least a four-game advantage for the second wild card spot over Seattle. The A's open a three-game series Monday at AL West-leading Houston.

Chapman homered in the first and then opened the seventh with his 20th homer. Lowrie followed with his 21st homer to put Oakland up 6-2.

Braves 4, Marlins 0

In Miami, Kevin Gausman and four relievers combined on a two-hitter, and Atlanta beat Miami despite an ongoing offensive slump.

The Braves earned a split even though they scored just seven earned runs in the four-game series. The NL East leaders finished 14-5 against last-place Miami this year.

Gausman (4-1) pitched five

innings before departing for a pinch hitter.

Astros 3, Angels 1

In Anaheim, Framber Valdez gave up one run over five innings in his first career start, and Houston beat Los Angeles for its fifth straight win.

The Astros improved to 47-21 on the road, including an 18-5 mark in California.

Valdez (2-0) struck out three while allowing two hits and three walks in his first career start, making his case for the spot in Houston's rotation left vacant because of Lance McCullers Jr.'s forearm injury.

Diamondbacks 5, Mariners 2

In Phoenix, Paul Goldschmidt hit his 30th homer, Zack Greinke won for the first time in almost a month and Arizona avoided a three-game sweep at the hands of Seattle.

With the victory and Colorado's 12-3 loss to St. Louis, the Diamondbacks were back alone in first place in the NL West.

Goldschmidt's three-run shot off Mike Leake (8-8) punctuated a five-run third inning for the Diamondbacks, who bounced back from blowing a two-run lead in the ninth Saturday night and losing in 10 innings.

Dodgers 7, Padres 3

In Los Angeles, Justin Turner

Tampa Bay Rays starter Blake Snell pitches against the Boston Red Sox during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

drove in five runs while Manny Machado put Los Angeles ahead with a two-run homer, and the Dodgers swept a three-game series against San Diego.

Hyun-Jin Ryu (4-1) gave up 11 hits in his 5 2/3 innings, but held the Padres to two runs.

The Padres gave left-hander Robbie Erlin (3-4) the early lead with a solo home run from Franmil Reyes in the second and Hunter Renfroe's RBI single in the third.

Brewers 7, Pirates 4

In Milwaukee, Mike Moustakas and Manny Pina each hit a two-run homer in the third inning, Jonathan Schoop went deep in the seventh and Milwaukee beat Pittsburgh.

The Brewers rocked Chris Archer (4-7) for six runs and six hits in the third. Schoop homered in the seventh off Nick Kingham.

Chase Anderson (9-7) cruised through the first four innings for Milwaukee but fell apart in the sixth.

White Sox 7, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Michael Kopech pitched six impressive innings for his first major league win and Chicago scored four runs in the third against Detroit.

Kopech (1-0) allowed a run and seven hits in his second career start. The highly touted right-hander was limited to two scoreless innings when it rained in his debut Tuesday against Minnesota. He threw 86 pitches this time, finishing with four strikeouts and no walks.

Giants 3, Rangers 1

In San Francisco, Derek Holland pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning to beat his former team as San Francisco topped Texas.

Steven Duggar hit a two-run triple for the Giants off Yovani Gallardo (7-3). Holland, who won 62 games over eight seasons with the Rangers after they drafted him in 2006, notched consecutive victories for the first time this season.

The Giants' lefty yielded one run and three walks with four strikeouts, then left to a standing ovation from the crowd.

Four days earlier, Holland (7-8) gained national attention after making a racially insensitive joke while appearing on MLB Network alongside Giants massage therapist Haro Ogawa in a bit that was meant to be fun.

Federer tries to end decade drought at US Open

NEW YORK (AP)—Even with all the times Roger Federer held the U.S. Open trophy, he still can't forget the time it slipped through his fingers.

He had won five titles in a row in Flushing Meadows and was a game away from a sixth in 2009 when Juan Martin del Potro pulled out a fourth-set tiebreaker, then won the fifth set.

"I still wish I could have played that match again," Federer said.

That would have been hard to imagine then, when Federer would steamroll into New York at the tail end of some of the greatest seasons in tennis history. He was 247-15 from 2004-06, and knew he'd figure things out across seven matches on the hard courts in a city where he is so comfortable.

"For a long period I think I was not losing much," Federer said, "and when I came to the Open, I had all the answers for all the guys, all my opponents, all conditions, wind, you know, night, day. I really embraced everything about New York."

Still does, which is why—at age 37, and a full decade removed from his last title at the place—Federer believes he can succeed again at the year's final Grand Slam tournament and collect a male-record 21st major when main-draw play begins Monday. A sixth U.S. Open title would break a tie with Jimmy Connors and Pete Sampras for the most in the professional era.

"Well, I mean, it would mean the world to me," he said.

Novak Djokovic just beat Federer in the final in Cincinnati, and the Wimbledon champion might be the favor-



ite in New York. Defending champion Rafael Nadal is the top seed after taking back the No. 1 ranking that Federer had regained earlier this season for the first time in five years. And del Potro is up to a career-best No. 3 in the world and proved again he could handle Federer at the U.S. Open when he stopped him last year in the quarterfinals.

Yet few would count out No. 2 seed Federer, even as erratic as his gifted game looked against Djokovic on Sunday in Ohio.

"If you are playing well before, is easier to play well in the Grand Slam, no? No doubt of that," Nadal said. "At the same time it's true that especially a few players are able to increase the level of concentration, the level of tennis, level of intensity in some places. If you have to do it, this is one of the places."

Federer hasn't done it in the biggest moments in New York over the last decade. The loss to del Potro was followed by semifinal defeats against

Djokovic in both 2010 and 2011, blowing two match points in both. He finally got back to the final again in 2015 but was beaten by Djokovic, then had to miss the 2016 event because of a knee injury.

He won the Australian Open and Wimbledon in a resurgent 2017 but tweaked his back while reaching the Montreal final and knew his body and his game weren't in shape by the time he got to New York.

"I knew from the get-go it was not going to be possible for me to win," Federer said. "Everything would have had to fall into place."

So he was even more cautious in monitoring his schedule this year, sitting out the clay-court season again and pulling out of Toronto, making Cincinnati his only hard-court warmup. That's left him only four tournaments in five months, perhaps explaining some of the shots that once were winners but

were sprayed around the court against Djokovic.

"It's a fine line of how fit do you need to be and how much tennis can you play to be competitive?" Hall of Famer Rod Laver said. "And if you're not able to go get the match practice, then you've got to rely on being competitive on the other side of the coin, which is how fit can you be. He certainly is fit enough but mentally in the final, I could tell he was sort of down. You could tell he was just frustrated with some of the shots that he played."

Federer won't second-guess his scheduling, believing he's made the right decisions for his preparation. Nor will he kick himself over the U.S. Opens lost over the last decade.

"I won the U.S. Open five times. So I stand here pretty happy, to be quite honest," Federer said. "It's not like, 'God, the U.S. Open never worked out for me.' It hasn't the last couple years, but it's all good."

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host's national women's team eased past the visiting squad in the other match, 6-0.

The CNMI last hosted the Marianas Cup in 2013 at the Oleai Sports Complex with its U12 national team routing Guam, 4-0. In the other game, Quality Distributors nipped the CNMI U19 National Team, 2-1. After the 2013

competition, Marianas Cup took a three-year hiatus and was then revived just last year.

Guam and the CNMI take turns in hosting the event and the latter's holding of this year's Marianas Cup is timely as games will take place about three months after the opening of the NMI Soccer Training Center.

At this early, NMIFA is encouraging football fans and other members of the community to go to the Koblerville

facility and watch the highly-anticipated games between the rival teams.

M-League eyes Sept. 23 opening

Meanwhile, the NMIFA Men's Committee is planning to kick off the 2018 M-League Fall Season on Sept. 23 and is requesting teams to start their preparation for the competition.

Organizers intend to have an 11 vs 11 format, but would

want to know first how many teams will be playing in Divisions A and B. They are also eyeing to hold games every Sunday and Thursday night both at the NMI Soccer Training Center and the Oleai pitch.

Team and players confirmation must be made by Aug. 31, while a meeting for coaches/managers or representatives of clubs/squads is set for Aug. 30 at 6pm at the Koblerville pitch.

Guam's Alison Bowman, Ben Middlebrooke and Shista Benavente Delgado, and Tahiti's Elodie Menou and Sophie Bouchonnet, who all competed in the 10K race.

"Thank you Northern Mariana Athletics and Oceania Athletics Association for the opportunity to represent the NMI and run in the 2018 Australian Cross Country Championships," Tan said.

race, while ambulances stationed at the venue were busy attending to runners that were wore down by the punishing course.

NMA helped Tan and Santos make it to the Australian Cross Country Championships/ Oceania Cross Country Championships 2018 with the two CNMI runners named to the Oceania Team. Also on the squad were Fiji's Avikash Lal,

(last Saturday) that wasn't surprised and terrified. So, yeah it was tough, I was counting down the kilometers. But I am very happy to have conquered that one," Hills was quoted as saying in the OAA website.

Ron Snyder, who coached Tan and Santos in last weekend's competition, reported to Northern Marianas Athletics how the two young athletes ran a disciplined and smart

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races because of the unforgiving course. Even Australian Olympian Madeline Hills, who topped the 10K event, admitted to having difficulty with the hilly terrain.

"Very, very tough course, we heard it was going to be hilly and I don't think there was anyone that turned up here today

Roger Federer of Switzerland returns to David Goffin of Belgium during the semifinals at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, in Mason, Ohio.

Serena, Nadal headline opening night

NEW YORK (AP)—Serena Williams launches her bid for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title on Monday, sharing the Arthur Ashe Stadium stage with defending men's champion Rafael Nadal in a blockbuster US Open opening night.

The two superstars, who own 40 Grand Slam titles between them, headline an opening day that sees eight former US Open champions in action.

Williams counts six US Open titles among her 23 Grand Slams, and with one more she will equal Margaret Court's all-time record for major titles.

But the US superstar is something of an unknown quantity as she seeks her first Slam title since the birth of daughter Olympia last September.

"I can just continue to strive," says Williams, the 17th seed who called it "interesting" to be tipped as a favorite to win her first US Open title since 2014.

She's shown flashes of the old brilliance since her return in March, reaching the final at Wimbledon only to fall to Germany's Angelique Kerber.

Williams opens her campaign against Poland's Magda Linette, the world number

60 whose first career match against the imposing American will thrust her into the glare of the Ashe stadium lights on a night when organizers are pulling out all the stops in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the US Open.

Defending men's champion Nadal, ranked number one in the world and seeking a second Slam title of the season after yet another Roland Garros triumph, faces an emotional duel with old friend and Davis Cup teammate David Ferrer.

"It will be a special meeting," said Nadal, well aware that the slumping Ferrer will call time on his career at the end of the year.

Nadal was looking forward to playing in front of the boisterous New York fans.

"I always had a great connection with the crowd here," he said. "The crowd brings me to another level of energy. That's something that I enjoy."

Ashe stadium will be rocking after a pre-match a pre-match ceremony to honor past US Open champions and a musical set headlined by Kelly Clarkson, with entertainer Maxwell tapped to perform the national anthem.

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pearance in both the singles and doubles events of the \$15,000 tournament, he is expected to move up in the ITF Pro Circuit world rankings. The Pacific Oceania Davis Cup member is ranked at No. 1,014 in singles and No. 1,301 in doubles. He achieved his highest rank in singles (968) and doubles (958) early this month, while as a junior player for the CNMI before, he barged into the Top 800 (744) in the world.

"Colin has reached his first professional singles finals and he also made it to the doubles finals. He will be in the Top 1,000," said CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Jeff Race, who coached Sinclair in his junior years on Saipan.

Sinclair could gain more ranking points and prize money this week, as he is entered in both the singles and doubles events of the Belgium F10 Futures. He is scheduled to duel Great Britain's George Loffhagen in the singles play and is paired anew with Gamble, as they challenge Mexico's Rodrigo Garcia and Roberto Quintana Llamas.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	90	42	.682	—
New York	83	47	.638	6
Tampa Bay	70	61	.534	19½
Toronto	60	70	.462	29
Baltimore	37	94	.282	52½

Central Division

Cleveland	74	56	.569	—
Minnesota	61	69	.469	13
Detroit	53	78	.405	21½
Chicago	51	79	.392	23
Kansas City	40	91	.305	34½

West Division

Houston	80	50	.615	—
Oakland	79	52	.603	1½
Seattle	74	57	.565	6½
Los Angeles	63	68	.481	17½
Texas	58	74	.439	23

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Atlanta	73	57	.562	—
Philadelphia	70	60	.538	3
Washington	65	66	.496	8½
New York	58	72	.446	15
Miami	53	79	.402	21

Central Division

Chicago	76	53	.589	—
St. Louis	73	58	.557	4
Milwaukee	73	59	.553	4½
Pittsburgh	64	67	.489	13
Cincinnati	56	75	.427	21

West Division

Arizona	72	58	.554	—
Colorado	71	59	.546	1
Los Angeles	70	61	.534	2½
San Francisco	65	67	.492	8
San Diego	50	83	.376	23½

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Send-Off Ceremony for CNMI Men’s and Women’s National Teams

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Captains Janelle Chojnacki, left, and Jonathan Takano, second left, receive the CNMI flag during the send-off ceremony for the CNMI men’s and women’s national squads that will compete in the EAFF E-1 Preliminary Round 1 in Mongolia next month. Attending the ceremony at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Friday, were Northern Mariana Islands Football Association vice present Vickie Izuka, center, NMIFA Executive Committee member and Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan, fourth left, and NMIFA president Jerry Tan, right.



NMIFA president Jerry Tan encourages the national teams not to get intimidated by their foes in Mongolia.



Gabrielle Race shakes hand with NMIFA Executive Committee member and Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan after receiving her team uniform.



Members and officials of CNMI Men’s National Team wait to be introduced during the send-off ceremony.



Emiliana King acknowledges the crowd after she was introduced as the lone Tinian player to make it to the CNMI Women’s National Team.



NMIFA Executive Committee member and Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan congratulates Jerlyn Castillo for making in to the national team.

CNMI Women’s National Team head coach Luem Khen Khoo checks on the crowd at the bleachers while waiting for the start of the send-off ceremony.

NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta, right, briefs spectators about the tournament in Mongolia.





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Sinclair reaches milestone

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Former CNMI junior tennis player Colin Sinclair appeared in the finals of a tournament under the ITF Pro Circuit last week in Belgium.

He played in the finale of both the singles and doubles events of the Belgium F9 Futures that took place at a clay court in Huy from Aug. 20 to 26. It was Sinclair's first singles finals stint in an ITF Pro Circuit since he debuted in the gateway to higher-level competitions in the ATP World Tour when he was just 17 years old. He gained his first doubles title (with Great Britain's Charles Broom) last year in the Belgium F8 Futures.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Former CNMI junior player Colin Sinclair, seen here competing in a tournament in Australia, made his first singles finals appearance in an ITF Pro Circuit event.

In the singles play of the Belgium F9 Futures, the 23-year-old notched four wins to march into the title game against eventual champion Jan

Choinski of Germany. Sinclair first won over Belgium's Michael Geerts, 7-5 (retired) and then earned back-to-back straight set victories over

the latter's compatriots Roman Barbosa, 6-1, 6-4, and Benjamin Dhoe, 6-1, 6-4, to move into the Final Four. In the semifinals, Sinclair was

paired against Argentina's Juan Bautista Otegui and the Saipan-born and raised player eked out a 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5) triumph to reach his first finals

game. In the title match, Sinclair also played an extended game before bowing to his German foe, 3-6, 7-6, 3-6.

In the doubles, Sinclair partnered with the U.S.' Luke Jacob Gamble and the duo got a free win in the Round of 16 after a no show from France's Julien De Cuyper and Paul Valsecchi. Then in the quarterfinals, Sinclair and Gamble also cruised to victory over France's Adan Freire Da Silva and Belgium's Louis Herman, 6-1, 6-2, to earn the right to face the Argentine pair of Oregui and Ignacio Monzon in the semifinals. Sinclair and Gamble needed only two sets, too, to eliminate the Argentine bets and set up a title showdown against Barbosa and France's Dan Added. The French-Belgian duo went on to end Sinclair and Gamble's streak with a 6-4, 7-5 win in the finale.

With Sinclair's finals appearance, **See SINCLAIR on Page 26**

CNMI, Guam collide anew in Marianas Cup



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The CNMI's Sunjoon Tenorio, second left, is surrounded by Guam All-Stars defenders during their game in the Marianas Cup 2017 held at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo.

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All is set for the CNMI-Guam showdown at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville with the staging of the 2018 Marianas Cup in October.

"We will be hosting the Marianas Cup on Oct. 7," Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general secretary Ross Zapanta said during the send-off ceremony

for the CNMI national teams that will be playing in a tournament in Mongolia last Friday at the facility's main pitch.

NMIFA president Jerry Tan, who was also present at the ceremony, added the Marianas Cup will feature back-to-back games with the opposing squads' girls U18 teams playing in the curtain-raise and the boys U17 players seeing ac-



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In this year's Marianas Cup, the CNMI will be on a mission, as it would want to avenge its twin losses to Guam the last time they met. Guam's boys U18 team edged the Commonwealth bets, 1-0, in last year's game at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo, while the

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Tan, Santos complete races in Australia

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CNMI runners Tania Tan and Tyler Santos survived one of the toughest courses in Australia as they completed their respective races in the Australian Cross Country Championships/ Oceania Cross

Country Championships 2018 last Saturday.

Santos did the 6K event in the competition held the Maleny Golf Club in Sunshine Coast, Queensland and clocked in at 27:42, while Tan ran in the 4K race and submitted 20:56.



Over 1,200 runners across Australia and several member-countries of Oceania Athletics Association joined the competition at Maleny and many did not complete their

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The CNMI's Tyler Santos, second left, and Tania Tan, third left, join other Oceania athletes who competed in last Saturday's Australian Cross Country Championships/ Oceania Cross Country Championships 2018 at the Maleny Golf Club in Sunshine Coast, Queensland.